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AT THE  
parliament be

gonne at Westminster, the  
xxiii. of Januarie in the first  
yeare of the reigne of oure So-  
ueraigne Lady, Elizabeth by the  
grace of god, of England, Fraunce  
and Ireland, Quene, defen-  
dour of the faith. &c.

And there prorogued till the .xxv. of  
the same month, and then and there holden, kept,  
and continued untill the dissolution of the  
same, being the eighth day of May then  
next ensuing, were enacted as  
followeth.

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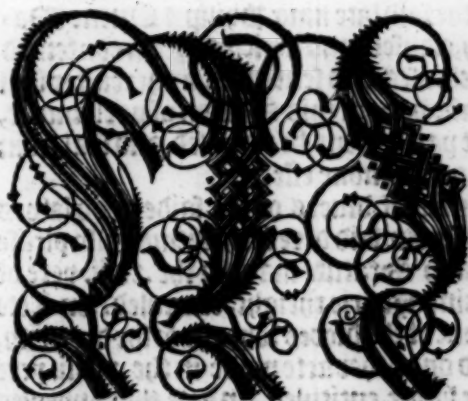
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# AN Acte restoringe to the Crowne the auncient Iurisdiction ouer the state Ecclesiasticall and Spirituall, and abolyshing all foryaine power repugnaunt to the same.



Doste humbly beseeche  
 your moost excellent mai-  
 estie, your faithfull and obe-  
 dient subiectes, the Lordes  
 Spirituall and Temporal,  
 & the commons in this your  
 present parliamēt assembled  
 That where in time of the  
 reigne of your most dere fa-  
 ther of worthymemory King  
 Henry theight, diuers good  
 lawes & statutes wer made  
 and established, as well for the better extinguisment and putting  
 away of all vsurped and foyreyn powers and auctorities out of  
 this your Realme, & other your highnes dominions & countreis, as  
 also for the restoring and vnitng to the imperiall Crowne of this  
 Realme, the auncient iurisdiccions, auctorities, superiorities, and  
 preheminences to the same of right belonging and appertayning.  
 By reason wherof, we your most humble and obedient subiectes, fro  
 the .xxv. yere of the reigne of your saide dere father, were continual-  
 ly kept in good order, and were disburdened of diuerse great and in-  
 tollerable charges and exactions befoze that time vnlawfully taken  
 and exacted by suche foyreyn power and auctoritie as befoze that  
 was vsurped, vntill suche time as all the saide good lawes and sta-  
 tutes, by one Act of parliament made in the fyfthe and second yeres  
 of the reignes of the late King Phillippe and Queene Mary, your  
 highnes sister, entituled. An acte repealing all statutes, articles, and  
 prouisions made against the See apostolique of Rome, synce the  
 .xx. yere of King Henry theight, and also for the establishment of al spi-  
 rituall and ecclesiasticall possessions and hereditamentes conueyed  
 to the laity, were all clerely repealed and made boide, as by the same  
 act of repeale moze at large doth and may appeare. By reasonne of  
 which acte of repeale, your saide humble subiectes were esteloned  
 brought vnder an vsurped foyreyn power & auctoritie, and yet do  
 remaine in that bondage, to the intollerable charges of your louing

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subiectes if some redreffe (by auctoritie of this your highe Court of parliament with thallent of your highnes) be not had and prouided.

Waye it therefore please your highnes, for the repelling of the said vsurped forrayne power, and the restoring of the rightes, iurisdiccions, and preheminences, appertaining to the imperiall crowne of this your realme, that it may be enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that the said acte made in the said firste and second yeres of the reignes of the said late king Philip & Queene Mary, and al and euery bzaunch, clauses, and articles therein contained (other then such bzaunches, clauses, and sentences, as hereafter shal be excepted) may from the laste daye of this Session of parliament, by auctoritie of this present parliament, be repealed, and shal from thenceforth be utterly boide and of none effect.

And that also for the reuyuing of diuers of the saide good lawes & statutes made in the time of your said dere father it may also please your highnes, that one acte and Statute made in the .xxiii. yere of the reigne of the saide late king Henrie theight, entituled. An Acte that no person shalbe cited out of the dioces wher he or she dwelleth, except in certaine cases. And one other acte made in the .xxiiii. yere of the reigne of the saide late kinge, entituled. An acte that appeales in such cases as hath ben vsed to be pursued to the see of Rome, shal not be from henceforth had ne vsed, but within this realme. And one other acte made in the .xxv. yere of the saide late kinge, concerning restraint of payment of annates and fyrste frutes of archebishops, and byshopps to the See of Rome. And one other acte in the saide. .xxv. yere, entituled, an acte concerning the submission of the cleargie to the kinges maiestie. And also one acte made in the said. .xxv. yere, entituled, an acte restraining the paiment of annates or fyrst frutes to the byshop of Rome, and of the electing and consecrating of archebishops and bishops within this realme. And one other acte made in the said. .xxv. yere, entituled, an acte concerning the exoneracion of the kinges subiectes from exactions and impositions heretofore paid to the see of Rome, and for hauing licences and dispensacions within this realme, without suing further for the same. And one other acte made in the .xxvi. yere of the saide late king, entituled, an acte for nomination and consecration of Suffragans within this realme. And also one other acte made in the .xxviii. yere of the reigne of the said late king, entituled, an acte for the release of such as haue obtained pretended licences and dispensacions from the see of Rome, and al and euery bzaunches, wordes, and sentences in the said seuerall actes and statutes, contained by auctoritie of this present parliament, from and at al times after the last day of this Session of parliament, shalbe reuiued, and shal stand & be in full

full force and strength, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes. And that the branches, sentences, and wordes of the saide seuerall actes, and euery of them, from thenceforth shall & may be iudged, deemed, and taken to extend to your highnes, your heires and successors as fully and largely as euer the same actes or any of them did extend to the saide late king Henry theight, your highnes father.

And that it may also please your highnes, that it may be enacted by thaurthoritie of this present parliament, that so much of one act or Statute made in the. xxii. yere of the reigne of your saide dere father king Henry theight, entituled: an acte concerning precontractes of mariages, and touchinge degrees of consanguinitie, as in the time of the late king Edward the fyrte, your highnes moost dere brother, by one other acte or statute was not repealed. And also one acte made in the. xxvii. yere of the reigne of the saide late king Henry theight, entituled, an acte, that doctours of the ciuile lawe being married, maie exercise ecclesiasticall iurisdiction, and all and euery branches, and articles in the saide two actes laste mentioned, and not repealed in the time of the saide late king Edward the fyrte, may from henceforth likewise stande and be reuiued, and remaine in their full force and strength, to all intentes and purposes, any thing contained in the saide acte of repeale before mentioned, or any other matter or cause to the contrarie notwithstanding.

And that it maye also please your highnes that it may be further enacted by thaurthoritie aforesaid, that all other lawes and statutes and the branches and clauses of any acte or Statute repealed and made voyd by the saide act of repeale, made in the time of the saide late king Phillip and Quene Mary, and not in this present act specially mentioned and reuiued, shall stand, remayne, and be repealed & voyd in suche lyke manner and forme as they were before the making of this acte, any thinge herein contained to the contrarie notwithstanding.

And that it may also please your highnes, that it may be enacted by thaurthoritie aforesaid, that one act and Statute made in the fyfte yere of the reigne of the late king Edward the fyrte, your maiesties moost dere brother, entituled, an acte against suche persones as shall vnreuerently speake against the Sacrament of the bodie and bloude of Christe, commonlie called the Sacrament of the aulter, and for the receauing thereof vnder bothe kyndes, and all and euery branches, clauses, and sentences therein conteyned, shall and maye likewise from the laste daye of this Session of Parliament, be reuiued, and from thenceforth shall and may stand, remayne, and be in full force, strength and effect, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, in such lyke maner and forme, as the same was at any time



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In the first yere of the reigne of þe said late king Edward the first, any law, statut, or other matter to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. And that also it may please your highnes that it may be further established and enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that one acte and Statute made in the fyrst and second yeaeres of the saide late kinge Phillippe and Quene Mary, entituled, an acte for the reuiving of thre statutes made for the punishment of heresies, and also the saide thre statutes mentioned in the saide acte, and by the same acte reuyned, and all and euery braunches, articles, clauses, and sentence contained in the said seuerall actes or statutes and euery of them, shalbe from the last day of this Session of parliament, deemed and remaine utterly repealed, boide, and of none effect, to all intentes and purposes, any thing in the said seuerall actes, or any of them conteyned, or any other matter or cause to the contrarie notwithstanding.

And to the intent that all usurped and forayne power and auctoritie spirituall and temporall, may for ever be clearly extinguisht, and neuer to be bled or obeyed within this Realm, or any other your maiesties dominions or countries. May it please your highnes that it may be further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that no forreine prince, person, prelate, State, or potentate, spirituall or temporall, shal at any time after the last day of this Session of parliament, vse enioy or exerce any manner of power, iurisdiction, superiortie, auctoritie, preheminance or priuiledge spirituall or ecclesiasticall within this realme, or within any other your maiesties dominions or countries that now be or hereafter shalbe, but fro thenforth the same shal be clerely abolished out of this realm, & al other your highnes dominions for ever, any statute, ordinance, custome, constitutiō, or any other matter or cause whatsoeuer to þe contrarie in any wise notwithstanding.

And that also it may likewise please your highnes, that it may be established and enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that such iurisdiccions, priuileges, superiorties, and preheminences spirituall and ecclesiasticall, as by any spirituall or ecclesiasticall power or auctoritie hath heretofore bene, or maye lawfully be exercised or bled, for the visitation of the ecclesiasticall State and personnes, and for reformation, order, and correction of the same, and of all manner errours, heresies, scismes, abuses, offences, contemptes, and enormities, shal for ever by auctoritie of this present Parliament, be vnyted and annexed to the imperial Crowne of this Realme. And that your highnes your heires and successours, kinges or quenes of this realme shal haue ful power and auctoritie by vertue of this act, by letters patentes vnder the great Seale of England, to assigne, name, and aucthorise, when and as often as your highnes, your heires or successours shal thinke meete and conuenient, and for suche and so

So long time as shall please your highnes, your heires or successours, suche person or persons beinge naturall borne subiectes to your highnes, your heires or successours, as your maiestie; your heires, or successours, shall thinke mete to exercise, vse, occupie, and execute vnder your highnes, your heires and successours, all maner of iurisdiction, priuileges, and preheminences in anye wise touchinge or concerninge anye spirituall or ecclesiasticall iurisdiction within these your Realmes of Englande and Irelande, or any other your highnes dominions or countreyes, and to visite, refovrme, redresse, order, correcte and amende all such errours, heresies, scismes, abuses, offences, contemptes, and enormities whatsoeuer, whiche by any maner spirituall or ecclesiasticall power, aucthoritie, or iurisdiction, can or may lawfully be reformed, ordered, redressed, corrected, restrained or amended, to the pleasure of almightie God, the increase of vertue, and the conseruation of the peace and vnitie of this realme. And that such person or persons so to be named, assigned, aucthorized and appointed by your highnes, your heires or successours, after the sayd letters patentes to him or them made and deliuered as is aforesaide, shall haue full power and aucthoritie by vertue of this acte and of the said letters patentes vnder your highnes, your heires or successours, to exercise, vse and execute all the premises, according to the tenoure and effecte of the sayde letters patentes. Any matter or cause to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And for the better obseruation and maintenaunce of this acte, maye it please your highnes that it maye be further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that all and euery Archebischoppe, Bischoppe, and all and euery other ecclesiasticall person, and other ecclesiasticall officer and minister, of what estate, dignitie, preheminence or degree soeuer he or they be, or shalbe, and al and euery tempozall Judge, Iusticer, Maior, and other lay or tempozal officer and minister, and euery other person, hauing your highnes fee or wages within this realme, or anye your highnes dominions, shall make, take, and receaue a coppozall othe vpon the euangelist, befoze suche person or personnes as shall please your highnes, your heires or Successours, vnder the great Seale of Englande, to assigne and name, to accept, and take the same, accordinge to the tenour and effecte hereafter followinge. That is to saye, *I. A. B.* doe vtterlye testifie and declare in my conscience, that the quenes highnes is the onely supreme gouernour of this Realme, and of all other her highnes dominions and countreyes, as well in all spirituall or ecclesiasticall thinges or causes, as tempozall, and no forraigne prince, parson, prelate, state or potentate, hath or ought to haue any iurisdiction, power, superiozitie, preheminence, or aucthoritie ecclesiasticall or spiritual within this realme, & ther

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foze I do utterly renounce and forsake all foraine iurisdiccions, powers, superiorities and aucthorities, and do promise that from hence forth I shall beare faith and trewe allegiaunce to the Quenes highnes, her heires and lawfull successours, and to my power shall assiste and defend al iurisdiccions, priuileges, preheminences, and aucthorities graunted or belonging to the Quenes highnes, her heires and successours, or vnited & annexed to thimperial crowne of this realme so helpe me god, and by the contentes of this booke.

And that it may be also enacted, that if any suche archbishop, Bishoppe, or other ecclesiasticall officer or minister, or anye of the saide tempoꝛal iudges, iusticiars, or other lay officer or minister, shall peremptorily or obstinately refuse to take or receaue the saide othe: That then he so refusinge shall forfeite and lose onely during his life all and euery ecclesiasticall and spirituall promotion, benefice and office, and euery tempoꝛal and lay promotion and office, which he hath solye at the time of suche refusall made, and that the whole title, interest, and incumbencie in euery such promotion, benefice, and other office, as against suche person onely so refusing, during his life, shall clearly cease, and be voyde, as though the partye so refusinge were dead. And that also al and euery such person and persons so refusing to take the saide othe, shall immediatly after such refusall, be from thenceforth during his life disabled to retaine or exercise anye office, or other promotion, which he at the time of suche refusall hath ioynely or in common with any other person or persons. And that all and euery persō and persons that at any time hereafter shall be preferred, promoted, or collated to any Archebishopricke or Bishopricke, or to any other spirituall or ecclesiasticall benefice, promotion, dignitie, office or ministry, or that shall be by your highnes, your heires or successours, preferred or promoted to any tempoꝛal or lay office, ministry, or seruice within this realm, or in any your highnes dominions, before he or they shall take vpon him or them to receaue, vse, exercise, supply, or occupy any such archebishopricke, bishopricke, promotion, dignitie, office, ministrie or seruice, shall likewise make, take, and receaue the said corpoꝛal othe before mentioned, vpon the euangelist, before such persons as haue or shall haue aucthoritie to admytte anye suche person to any such office, ministry, or seruice, or els before such person or persons as by your highnes, your heires or successours, by commissiō vnder the gret Seale of England, shall be named, assigned or appointed to minister the sayd othe. And that it maye likewise be further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that if anye suche person or personnes as at any time hereafter shall be promoted, preferred, or collated to anye suche promotion, spirituall or ecclesiasticall benefice, office, or ministrie, or that by your highnes, your heires or successours, shall be pro-



promoted or preferred to anye temporall or lay office, ministratione, or service, shal and do peremptorilye and obstinatelye refuse to take the same othe so to him to be offered, that then he or they so refusing, shal presentlye be iudged disabled in the law, to receaue, take, or haue the same promotion Spirituall or Ecclesiasticall, the same temporall office, ministratione, or service within this realme, or any other your highnes Dominions, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes.

And that it may be further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that all and euery person and persons temporall, suing liuery, or oustre le maine, out of the handes of your highnes, your heires or successours, before his or their liuery or oustre le maine sued forth and allowed, and euery temporall person or persons, doing any homage to your highnes, your heires or successours, or that shalbe receiued into service with your highnes, your heires or successours, shal make, take, and receaue the sayd corporall othe before mentioned, before the Lorde chauncellour of Englande, or the lord keeper of the great seale for the time beinge, or before suche person or persons as by your highnes, your heires or successours shalbe named and appointed to accepte or receaue the same. And that also all and euery person and persons takinge orders, and all and euery other person and persons, which shalbe promoted or preferred to any degree of learninge in anye vniuersitie within this your Realme or Dominions, before he shal receaue or take anye suche orders, or be preferred to any such degree of learninge, shal make, take, and receaue the saide othe by this acte set forth and declared, as is aforesaide, before his or their ordinarie, Comissary, Chauncellour, or vicechauncellour, or their sufficiente deputies in the said vniuersitie.

¶ Provided alwaies, and that it may be further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any person hauing any estate of inheritance in any temporall office or offices, shal hereafter obstinately and peremptorily refuse to accept and take the sayde othe as is aforesaid, and after at any time during his life, shal willingly require to take and receiue the said oth, and so do take & accept the same oth before any person or persons that shal haue lawfull auctoritie to minister the same. That then euery such person immediately after he hath so receiued the same othe, shalbe bested, iudged, and denied in like estate and possession of the saide office, as he was before the saide refusall, and shal and may vse and exercise the saide office, in suche maner and fourme as he should or might haue done before such refusall, anye thinge in this Acte contained to the contrarye in anye wise notwithstandinge.

And for the moze sure obseruation of this acte, and the better extingwishment of all foraine and blyped power and auctoritie,  
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may it please your highnes that it maye be further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that if any person or persons, dwellinge or inhabiting within this your Realme, or in anye other your highnesse Realmes or dominions, of what estate, dignitie, or degree soever he or they be, after the end of xxx. daies next after the determination of this session of this present Parliament, shall by writinge, printinge, teachinge, preachinge, expresse wordes, dede, or acte, advisedly, maliciously, and directly affirme, holde, stande with, sette forth, mainteine, or defende the aucthoritie, preheminence, power, or jurisdiction spirituall or ecclesiasticall, of any foraine prince, prelate, person, State, or potentate whatsoever, heretofore claimed, bled, or usurped within this Realme, or any Dominion or country, being within or vnder the power, dominion, or obeyesance of your highnes, or shall advisedly, maliciously, and directly putte in hys, or execute anye thinge for ther tollinge, aduancement, setting forth, maintenaunce, or defence of any suche pretended, or usurped jurisdiction, power, preheminence, or aucthoritie, or any part thereof. That then every such person and persons so doinge and offendinge, their abettours, aydours, procurers, and counsaillours, being therof lawfully convicted and attainted, according to the due order and course of the common lawes of this realme, for his or their firste offence, shall forfeite and lose vnto your highnes, your heires and successours, al his and their goodes and cattels, as well reall as personall. And if any such person so convicted or attainted, shall not haue, or be worthe of hys proper goodes and Cattels, to the value of xx. li. at the time of such his conviction or attainder, that then every such person so convicted and attainted, ouer and besides the forfeiture of all his saide goodes and cattelles, shall haue and suffer imprisonment by the space of one hole yeare, withoute baile or mainprise. And that also all and euerye the benefices, prebendes, and other ecclesiasticall promotions and dignities whatsoever, of euery spirituall person so offendinge, and beinge attainted, shall immediately after such attaindour be utterly void, to all intentes and purposes, as though the incumbent therof were deade, and that the patron and donoure of euery suche benefice, prebende, spirituall promotion and dignitie, shall and maye lawfully present vnto the same, or geue the same, in such maner and forme, as if the saide incumbent were deade. And if anye such offendour or offendours, after such conviction or attainder, do eschones commit or do the saide offences, or any of them, in maner and forme aforesaid, and be therof duely convicted and attainted as is aforesaid. That then every suche offendour and offendours, shall for the same second offence, incurre into the daungers, penalties, and forfeitures, ordeyned and prouided by the statute of prouision and premunire, made in the

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the. xvi. yere of the reigne of King Richard the second. And if any such offendour or offendours, at any time after the said second conviction and attaindoure, do the thirde time commit and do the sayde offences, or anye of them, in maner and fourme aforesayde, and be thereof duelye convicted and attainted as is aforesayde. That then everye suche offence or offences shall be demed and adjudged highe treason, and that the offendoure and offendours therein, beinge thereof lawfullye convicted and attainted, accordinge to the lawes of this Realme, shall suffer paynes of deathe, and other penalties, forfeitures, and losses, as in cases of highe treason by the lawes of this Realme.

And also that it maye lykewyse please your highnesse, that it maye be enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that no maner of person or persones, shalbe molested or impeached for anye the offences aforesayde, committed or perpetrated onely by preaching, teaching, or wordes, onles he or they be thereof lawfullye indicted, within the space of one hole yere next after his or their offences so committed. And in case any person or persons shall fortune to be imprisoned for anye of the sayde offences committed by preachinge, teachinge, or wordes onely, and be not thereof indicted within the space of one halfe yere nexte after his or their suche offence so committed and done. That then the sayde personne so imprisoned, shall be sette at libertie, and be no lenger deteyned in prison for anye suche cause or offence.

Provided alwaies and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that this acte, or any thing therein conteyned, shall not in any wise extende to repeale any clause, matter, or sentence conteyned or specified, in the sayde Acte of Repeale, made in the sayde fyfte and seconde yeaeres of the raignes of the sayde late Kinge Philippe and Queene Marye, as doeth in any wise touche or concerne any matter or case of Preliminire, or that doth make or ordein any matter or cause to be within the case of Preliminire, but that the same, forsomuch only as toucheth or concerneth any case or matter of Preliminire, shall stand and remaine in such force and effecte, as the same was before the makinge of this acte. Anye thing in this acte conteyned to the contrary in anye wise notwithstanding.

Provided also, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that this acte, or anye thinge therein conteyned, shall not in anye wise extende or be prejudiciall to anye personne or persones for any offence or offences committed or done, or hereafter to be committed or doone, contrarie to the tenour and effecte of any acte or Statute  
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notwe reuiued by this acte, before the end of xxx. dayes next after the end of the session of this present Parliament, any thing in this acte conteined, or any other matter or cause to the contrary notwithstanding. And if it happen that any peere of this Realme shall fortune to be indicted of, and for any offence that is reuiued or made p̄m̄iure or treason by this acte, that then he so being indicted, shall haue his tryall by his peeres, in suche like maner and fourme, as in other cases of treason hath ben vsed.

Provided alwayes and be it enacted as is aforesayde, that no manner of order, acte or determination, for any matter of religion or cause Ecclesiasticall, had or made by the auctoritie of this present parliament, shall be accepted, demed, interpretate or adiudged at any tyme hereafter, to be any errour, heresye, scisme, or scismatical opiniō. Any order, decree, sentence, constitution or lawe, whatsoeuer the same be to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde. That suche person or personnes to whome your highnesse, your heires or Successours, shall hereafter by letters patentes, under the great Seale of England, geue auctoritie to haue or execute any iurisdiction, power, or auctoritie spiritual, or to visite, reforme, order, or correct any errors, heresies, scismes, abuses, or enormities by vertue of this Acte, shall not in any wise haue auctoritie or power to order, determine, or adiudge any matter or cause to be heresye, but onely such as heretofore haue bene determined, ordeined, or adiudged to be heresye, by the auctoritie of the canonicall Scriptures, or by the first four geneall Counsailes, or any of them, or by any other general Counsaile wherein the same was declared heresye, by the expresse and plaine wordes of the said canonical Scriptures, or such as hereafter shall be ordeined, iudged, or determined to be heresye, by the hyghe Courte of Parliament of this Realme, with thassent of the Cleargie in theyr conuocation. Any thing in this acte conteined to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that no personne or personnes shall be hereafter indicted or arraigned for any the offences made, ordeined, reuiued, or adiudged by this acte, vnlesse there be two sufficient witnesss or moze, to testifie and declare the sayd offences, wherof he shall be indicted or arraigned. And that the sayd witnesss, or so many of them as shall be liuinge, and within this Realme at the time of the arraignmente of such person so indicted, shall be brought forth in person, face to face, before the party so arraigned, and there shall testifie and declare what they can say against the party

partie so arraigned, if he require the same, as was accustomed to be  
 provided also and be in further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that if any person or persons shall hereafter happen to geue any  
 reliefe, ayde, or comforte, or in any wise be ayding, helping, or comfort-  
 ting to the person or persons of any that shall hereafter happen to be  
 an offendour in any matter or case of priuie treason, reuined or  
 made by this act. That then suche reliefe, ayde, or comfort geuen shall  
 not be iudged or taken to be any offence, onlesse ther be two sufficient  
 witnesss at the leaste that can and will openly testifie and declare  
 that the person or persons that so gaue such reliefe, ayde or comforte,  
 had notice and knowledge of such offence, committed and done by the  
 said offendour, at the time of such reliefe, ayde, or comforte, so to him  
 geuen or ministered, any thing in this act contained, or any other mat-  
 ter or cause to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.  
 And where one pretended sentence had heretofore bene geuen in  
 the consistorie in Bowles, before certaine Judges, delegate, by the  
 authoritie Regantike, of the late Cardinall Doole, by reason of a for-  
 rayne blurred power and auctoritie, against Richard Cheswood Es-  
 quire, and Agnes his wife, by the name of Agnes Woodhull, at the  
 suite of Charles Tyrell gentleman, in default of matrimonye, solemi-  
 sed betwene the saide Richard and Agnes, as by the same pretended  
 sentence moze plainely doth appeare. From which sentence the saide  
 Richard and Agnes haue appealed to the court of Rome, which ap-  
 peale doeth there remaine, and yet is not determined. May it there-  
 fore please your highnes that it maye be enacted by the authoritie  
 aforesaid, that if sentence in the said appeale, shall happen to be geuen  
 at the said court of Rome, for and in the behaile of the said Richard  
 and Agnes, for the reuersing of the saide pretended sentence before  
 the ende of threescore daies next after the ende of this session of this  
 present Parliament. That then the same shall be iudged and taken  
 to be good and effectuell in the lawe, and shall, and may be used, pled-  
 ded and allowed in any court or place within this Realme, any  
 thing in this acte, or in any other act or statute, contained to the con-  
 trary notwithstanding. And if no sentence shall be geuen at the court  
 of Rome, in the said appeale for the reuersing of the said pretended sen-  
 tence, before the ende of the saide three score daies, that then it shall  
 and may be lawefull for the saide Richard and Agnes, and eyther  
 of them at any time hereafter to commence, take, sue, and prosecute  
 theyr said appeale from the said pretended sentence, and for the reuer-  
 sing of the saide pretended sentence within this Realme, in suche like  
 maner and forme as was used to be pursued, or might haue bene pur-  
 sued within this realme, at any time since the xxiii. yere of the reigne  
 of the said late king Henry the eyght, vpon sentences geuen in the  
 court

court or courtes of any archbishop within this realme. And that such appeale as so hereafter shalbe taken or pursued by the saide Richard Chetwood and Agnes, or eyther of them, and the sentence that herein or therupon shal hereafter be geuen, shalbe iudged to be good and effectuall in the lawe, to all intentes and purposes, any lawe, custome, vsage, canon, constitution or any other matter or cause to the contrary notwithstanding.

It is provided also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that where there is the lyke appeale nowe depending in the saide court of Rome, betwene one Robert Harcourt, marchant of the Staple, and Elizabeth Harcourt, otherwile called Elizabeth Robins, of the one partie, and Anthonie fidell Marchaunt Straunger, on the other partie, that the said Robert, Elizabeth, and Anthonie, and euery of them, shal and may for the prosecuting & trying of their said apeale haue and enioye the like remedie, benefite, and aduantage, in like maner and fourme as the saide Richard and Agnes, or any of them hath, may, or ought to haue and enioye, this act or any thing therein contened to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

**An Acte for the vniformitie of Common praier, and Service in the Church, and the administration of the Sacramentes.**

**The seconde Chapter.**



Here at the death of our late Soueraigne Lozde Kinge Edwarde the first, there remained one vniforme order of commō service and praier, and of the administration of Sacramentes, rites & ceremonies in the church of Englād, which was set forth in one boke entituled: The boke of common praier, and administration of Sacramentes, and other rites & ceremonies in the Church of England, aucthorised by acte of Parliament, holden in the fyfte and sixt yeres of our saide late Soueraigne Lozde, kynge Edwarde the first, entituled: An acte for the vniformitie of Common praier, and administration of the Sacramentes, the which was repealed and taken awaye by acte of Parliament in the fyfte yere of the reigne of our late Soueraigne Lady Quene Mary, to the greab decaye of the due honoꝝ of God, and discomforte to the professours of the



the truth of Christs Religion.

Be it further enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that the saide estatute of repeale, and euery thing therein conteyned onely concerning the saide booke, and the seruice, administration of Sacramentes, Rites and Ceremonies, conteyned or appointed in or by the saide booke, shalbe voyde, and of none effect, from and after the feast of the Natiuitie of S. John Baptist next coming. And that the saide booke, with the order of seruice and of thadministration of Sacramentes, rites and ceremonies, with the alteration and additions therein added and appointed by this estatute, shall stand, and be from and after the said feast of the Natiuitie of S. John Baptist, in full force and effect, according to the tenour and effect of this estatute, any thing in the aforesaide statute of repeale to the contrary notwithstanding.

And further be it enacted by the Quenes highnes, with thassent of the lordes and commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that all and singuler ministers in any Cathedral or parishe Church, or other place within this realme of Englande, Wales, and the marches of the same, or other the Quenes dominions, shall from and after the feast of the Natiuitie of saint John Baptist next comming, be bounden to saye and vse the Mattens, Euenlonge, Celebration of the Lordes Supper, and administration of eche of the sacramentes, and all their common and open prayer, in suche order and fourme as is mentioned in the said booke so auctorised by parliament in the said. v. and. vi. yere of the reigne of king Edward the sixte, with one alteration or addition of certaine lessons to be vsed on euery Sunday in the yere, and the fourme of the Letanie altered and corrected, and two sentences only added in the deliuey of the Sacrament to the communicants, and none other, or otherwise. And that yf any manner of Parson, Vicar, or other whatsoever minister, that ought or should syng or saye common prayer mentioned in the said booke, or minister the Sacramentes from and after the feast of the Natiuitie of S. John Baptist next comming, refuse to vse the saide common prayers, or to minister the Sacramentes in suche Cathedral or parishe Church, or other places, as he should vse to minister the same, in suche order and fourme as they be mentioned and set forth in the saide booke, or shall wilfully or obstinately stand in the same, vse any other rite, Ceremonie, order, fourme, or maner of celebrating of the Lordes supper openlie or priuily, or matens, euenlonge, administration of the sacramentes, or other open prayers then is mentioned and set forth in the said booke (Open prayer or in and throughout this Acte is meant that prayer which is for other to come vnto, or heare, together in common churches, or priuie chappels or oratories, commonly called the seruice of the church) or shal preach, declare, or speake any thing in the derogation or dep<sup>r</sup>auing

uing of the said booke, or any thing therein contained, or of any parte thereof, and shalbe therof lawfully conuicted according to the lawes of this realme, by verdict of. xii. men, or by his owne confession, or by the notozious euidence of the fact, shal lose and forfeit to the Quenes highnes, her heires and successors, for his first offence, the profit of all his spirituall benefices or promotions, coming or arysing in one whole yere next after this conuictiō. And also that the person so conuicted, shal for the same offence suffer imprisonment by the space of bi. monethes, without baile or mainpryse. And if any such person once conuict of any offence concerning the premises, shal after his first conuiction esteemes offend, and be therof in foure aforesaid lawfully conuict, that then the same person shal for his second offence suffer imprisonment by the space of one hole yere, and also shal therfore be depriued *ipso facto*, of all his spirituall promotions, and that it shalbe lawfull to all patrons or donors of all and singuler the same spiritual promotions, or of any of them, to present or collate to the same, as though the person and persons so offending were deade. And that yf anye such person or persons after he shal be twice conuicted, in foure aforesaid, shal offend against any of the premises the thirde time, and shalbe therof in foure aforesaid lawfullie conuicted. That then the person so offending, and conuicted the thirde time, shalbe depriued *ipso facto*, of all his spirituall promotions, and also shal suffer imprisonment during his life.

And yf the person that shal offende, and be conuicted in foure aforesaid, concerning any of the premises, shal not be beneficed, nor haue any spirituall promotion. That then the same person so offending and conuict, shal for the firste offence suffer imprisonment during one whole yere, nexte after his saide conuiction, without bayle or mainpryse. And yf anye suche personne, not hauinge anye spirituall promotion, after his firste conuiction, shal esteemes offende in any thing concerning the premises, and shal in foure aforesaid, be thereof lawfullie conuicted. That then the same personne shal for his seconde offence suffer imprisonmente duringe his lyfe.

And it is ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie abovesaid, that yf any person or persons whatsoeuer, after the saide feast of the Natyuitie of Saint John Baptist next comming, shal in any enterludes, plaies, Songes, Rymes, or by other open wordes, declare or speake any thing in the derogation, deprauing, or despising of the same booke or any thinge therein conteyned, or any parte thereof, or shal by open facte, dedde, or by open threatninges, compell or cause, or otherwise procure or maynteine any parsonne, vicarre or other minister in any Cathedraall or parische Church, or in Chappell, or in anye other

other place to sing or say any common and open prayer, or to minister any Sacrament otherwise, or in any other manner and forme the is mentioned in the saide booke, or that by any of the saide meanes shall unlawfully interrupt or let any person, vicar, or other minister in any Cathedraall or parische Church, Chappell, or any other place to sing or saye common and open prayer, or to minister the Sacramentes or any of them, in such manner and forme, as is mentioned in the saide booke. That then every such person being therof lawfully convicted in forme abovesaide, shall forfeite to the Quene our Soueraigne Lady, her heires and successours, for the first offence a hundredeth markes. And if any person or persons being once convicted of any such offence, offences offend against any of the last recited offences, and shall in forme abovesaid be therof lawfully convicted, That then the same person so offending and convicted, shall for the second offence forfeite to the Quene our Soueraigne Lady, her heires & successours, foure hundredeth markes. And if any person after he in forme abovesaid, shall have bene twice convicted of any offence, concerning any of the last recited offences, shall offend the third time, and be therof in forme abovesaide lawfully convicted. That then every person so offending and convicted, shall for his thirde offence, forfeite to our Soueraigne Lady the Quene, all his goodes and cattels, and shall suffer imprisonment during his lyfe. And yf any person or persons that for his first offence, concerning the premises, shall be convicted in forme abovesaid, do not paie the summe to be paid by vertue of his conviction, in such manner & forme as the same ought to be paid within vi. weekes next after his conviction, that then every person so convicted & so not paying the same, shall for the same first offence, in steede of the said summe, suffer imprisonment by the space of vi. monethes, without baile or mainpryse. And if any person or persons that for his second offence concerning the premises, shall be convicted in forme abovesaid, doo not pay the said summe to be paid by vertue of his conviction, & this estate, in such manner and forme as the same ought to be paid within vi. weekes next after his said second conviction. That then every person so convicted and not so paying the same, shall for the same second offence, in the steede of the said summe, suffer imprisonment during xii. monethes, without baile or mainpryse. And that from and after the saide feast of the Natiuitie of Saint John Baptist nexte coming, all and every person and persones, inhabitinge within this Realme or any other the Queenes Maiesties dominions, shall diligently and faithfully, hauing no lawfull or reasonable excuse to be absente, endeavour them selues to resorte to their parische Church or chappell accustomed, or vpon reasonable lette thereof, to some whattall place to heere common prayer, and suche Service of GOD



shal be vsed in such time of let vpon euery Sunday, and other daies  
ordained and vsed to be kept as holie daies. And then and there to  
abide orderlie, and soberly during the time of the comon Praier, prea-  
chinges or other seruice of God, there to be vsed and ministred, vpon  
paine of punishment by the censures of the Church. And also vpon  
paine that euery person so offending shal forfeit for euery such offence  
xii. d. to be leuied by the Churchwardens of the parish where such of-  
fence shal be done, to thuse of the poze of the same parish, of the goods  
landes, and tenementes of suche offendour, by way of distresse. And  
for due execution hereof, the Quenes most excellēt maiestie, the lordes  
Temporal, and al the commons in this present Parliament assem-  
bled, doth in gods name earnestly require and charge all the arch-  
bischoppes, Bischoppes, and other ordinarie that they shal endeouour  
themselues to the uttermost of their knowledges, that the due & true  
execution hereof may be had thzoughout their diocesse, and charges  
as they will aunswere befoze God, for such euils and plagues, wher-  
with almightie God may iustly punish his people for neglecting this  
good and holesome laboe. And for their aucthoritie in this behalfe, be  
it farther enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that al and singuler the  
same Archbischops, Bischops, and all other their offices, exercising  
ecclesiastical iurisdiction, aswel in place exempt as not exempt, with  
in their diocesse, shal haue full power and aucthoritie by this acte, to  
reforme, correct, and punish by censures of the Church, all and singu-  
ler persons, which shal offend within any their iurisdiccions or dio-  
cesse, after the saide least of the Natiuitie of Saint John Baptist  
next comming, against this act and statute. Any other lawe, statute  
priuiledge, libertie, or prouision heretofore made, had or suffered to the  
contrary notwithstanding.

And it is ordeyned and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid,  
that al and euery Iustices of Oyer and determiner, or Iustices of as-  
sise, shal haue full power and aucthoritie in euery of their open and  
generall Sessions, to enquire here and determine all, and all maner  
of offences, that shal be committed or done contrary to any article,  
contained in this present acte, within the limittes of the Commission  
to them dyrected, and to make pzoesse for the execution of the same, as  
they may do against any person being indited befoze them of tres-  
passe, or lawefully conuicted therof.

**IN R O Y A L D E** Alwaies and be it enacted by thauctho-  
ritie aforesaid, that all and euery Archbischoppe and Bischoppe, shal or  
may at all time and times at his libertie and pleasure, ioyne and as-  
sociate him selfe, by vertue of this acte, to the saide Iustices of Oyer  
and determiner, or to the saide Iustices of assise, at euery of the saide  
open and generall Sessions, to be holden in any place within his dio-  
cesse

celle, for and to the inquirie hearing and determining of the offences aforesaide.

Provided also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the booke concerning the saide Services, shall at the colles and charges of the parishioners of every parished, and Cathedral Church be attained and gotten before the saide feast of the Nativite of Saint John Baptist next following, and that all suche parishes and Cathedral Churches, or other places, where the saide booke shall be attained and gotten, before the saide feast of the Nativite of Saint John Baptist, shall within three weekes next after the said booke, so attained and gotten, use the said service and put the same in use according to this acte.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that no person or personnes shall be at any time hereafter impeached or otherwise molested of, or for any of the offences above mentioned, hereafter to be committed or done contrary to this acte, unless he or they so offending, be thereof indicted at the next generall Sessions, to be holden before any such Justices of Oyer and determiner, or Justices of assise, next after any offence committed or done contrary to the tenour of this acte.

Provided also and be it ordeined and enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all and singular Lordes of the Parliaments for the third offence above mentioned shall be tried by their peeres.

Provided also, and be it ordeined and enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the Mayor of London, and all other Mayors, Bailiffs, and other heade officers of all and singular Cities, boroughes and Townes Corporate within this Realme, Wales, and the marches of the same, to the which Justices of assise do not commonly repair, shall have full power and auctoritie by vertue of this acte to enquire, heare and determine the offences abovesaid, and everie of them yerely within .xv. daies after the feast of Easter, and S. Michell Tharchangell, in like maner and forme as Justices of assise, and Oyer and determiner may do.

Provided also and be it ordeined and enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all and singular archbishops and Bishops, and every of their Chauncellours, Commissioners, archdeacons, and other ordinarie, having any peculier ecclesiastical iurisdiction, shall have full power & auctoritie by vertue of this acte, aswel to enquire in their visitation, Synode, and els where within their iurisdiction at any other time and place, to take occasions and informations of all and every the things above mentioned, done, comited or perpetrated within the limits of their iurisdiction & auctoritie, & to punish the same by admonition, excommunication, sequestration or deprivation, & other censures and

and procelle in like fourme as heretofore hath bene used in like cases by the Quenes ecclesiasticall lawes.

Wherby it is enacted that whatsover person offending in the premises, shall for the offences first receive punishment of the ordinary, having a testimonial thereof under the sayde ordinaries Seale, shall not for the same offence eschewe be convicted before the Justices. And likewise touching for the sayde first offence, punishment by the Justices, he shall not for the same offence eschewe receive punishment of the ordinary. Any thing contained in this acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

Wherby it is enacted, that suche ornaments of the Church and of the ministers thereof, shall be retained and be in use as was in this Church of Englande, by auctoritie of Parliament, in the second yere of the reigne of King Edward the vi. untill other order shall therein taken by the auctoritie of the Quenes Maiestie, with the advise of her Commissioners appointed and authorized under the great Seale of England, for causes ecclesiasticall, or of the Metropolitane of this realme. And also that if there shall happen any contempt or irreverence to be used in the ceremonies or rites of the church, by the misusing of the orders appointed in this booke. The Quenes Maiestie may by the like advise of the said commissioners, or Metropolitane, ordaine and publish such farther ceremonies or rites as may be most for the advancement of Gods glorye, the edifying of his Church, and the due reverence of Christs holie mysteries and Sacramentes.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all lawes, statutes, and ordinances, wherein or whereby any other service, administration of Sacramentes or Common Prayer, is limited, established, or set forth to be used within this Realme, or any other the Quenes dominions or countreys, shall from henceforth be utterly void and of none effecte.

### An Acte of Recognition the Quenes highnes title to the imperiall Crowne of this Realme.

#### The.iii. Chapter.



THESE is nothinge under GOD (moste dreade Soueraigne Lady) wher we your most humble, faithful, and obedient Subiectes, the Lordes spiritual and Temporal, and commons in this presente Parliament assembled, haue, may, or oughte to haue more cause to reioice the in this only, that it hath pleased God of his mercifull providence and goodnes, towards us and this



this our Realme, not onely to prouide, but also to preserue and kepe  
for vs, and our wealthes your royall maiestie, our most rightfull and  
lawfull soueraigne liege Lady and Quene, most happelye to reigne  
ouer vs, for the which we do geue and yelde vnto him from the bot-  
tomes of our hartes, our humble thankes, laudes and praises. Cū so  
there is nothing that we your saide subiectes for oure parties can,  
may, or ought towardes your highnes, moze firmly, entierlye, and  
assuredly in the puritie of our hartes thinke, or with our mouthes de-  
clare and confesse to be true, then that your maiestie our said Soue-  
raigne Lady is and in verie dede, and of most mere right oughte to  
be by the lawes of god, and the lawes and statutes of this realm our  
most rightfull and lawfull Soueraigne liege Lady & Quene. And þ  
your highnes is rightly, lineally, and lawfully disceded, and come of  
the bloud roiall of this realme of Englande, in and to whose princely  
person, and the heires of your body lawfully to be begotten after you  
without all doubt, ambiguitie, scruple, or questiō, the imperial & roial  
estate, place, crown, & dignity of this realm, w<sup>th</sup> al hono<sup>rs</sup>, stiles, titles,  
dignities, regalities, iurisdiccions, & preheminences to the same now  
belonging and appertaining, are and shalbe most fully, rightfully, re-  
ally, and entierly inuested & incorporated, vnited & annexed, as right  
fully, and lawfully, to all intents, constructions and purposes, as the  
same were in the said late king Henry theight, or in the late king Ed-  
ward the. vi. your highnes brother, or in the late Quene Mary your  
highnes sister, at any time since the act of parliament made in þ. xxxv  
yere of the reigne of your said most noble father king Henry theight,  
entituled an act concerning the stablishment of the kinges maiesties  
succession in the imperial crowne of this realme. ¶ For which causes  
we your said most louing, faithfull, and obedient subiects, representing  
the thye estates of your realme of England, as therbnto constrained  
by the law of god & man, except we should ouermuch forget our due-  
ties to your highnes, and to the heires of your body lawfully begottē  
can no lesse do, but most hūbly besech your highnes, that by thaucto-  
ritie of this present parliament it may be enacted, established, and de-  
clared, that we do recognise, acknowledge, & confesse the same youre  
estate, right, title, & succession as is aforesaid, to be in & to your high-  
nes & the heires of your body to be begottē, thowoutly, & in þ whole  
& in euery part therof, in such maner & forme as befoze is mentioned,  
declared and confessed, & therbnto most hūbly & faithfully we do sub-  
mit our selues, our heires & posterities for euer. And further do make  
our most hartly and humble petition vnto your highnes, that it may  
please the same not only to accept this our said recognition, but also  
our faithfull promises, that we according to our duties shall and  
will stande to assiste and defende your royall maiestie, and the heires  
of your bodie to be begotten, being kinges and Queenes of this  
Realme,

Realme, and your said rightes and titles, in and to the said imperiall estate, place, crowne, and dignitie in all thinges thereto belonging, at all times to thuttermoste of our possible powers, and therein to spende our bodies, landes, and goodes, against all persons whatsoeuer, that any thing shall attempte to the contrarye.

And that it may be enacted by thauuthoritie aforesaid, that aswell this our declaration, confession, and recognitiō, as also the limitatiō and declaratiō of the succession of the imperial crowne of this realme, mentioned and contained in the saide acte made in the saide. xxxv. yere of the reigne of your saide moste noble father, shall stande, remaine, and be the lawe of this realme for euer. And that all sentences, iudgements and decrees, had, made, declared, set forth, published and promulged, and also as muche of euery clause, article, byaunche, matter, or thinge, contained and expessed in any act or actes of parliament, as be in any thing repugnaunt, contrary, or derogatorie to this our saide confession, declaration, and recognition, or to anye part or parcell thereof, or contrary to the said limitation of the succession of the imperiall crowne, established and made by the said acte in the saide. xxxv. yere of the reigne of the saide late king Henry theight (by whatsoeuer power or auctoritie the same bene, or haue ben had or made) shall be utterly frustrate, void, and of none effecte. And also shall and may be cancelled, defaced, and put in perpetuall obliuion at your highnes will and pleasure, as if the same had neuer bene had, made, declared, set forth, published, or promulged.

**¶ An Acte for the restitution of the first frutes and tenthes, and rentes reserued nomine decime, and of personages im-  
puate to the imperiall crowne of this Realme.**

**The fourth Chapter.**



**H**their most humble wise beseeching your most excellent maiestie, your faithfull and humble subiectes, the Lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons of this your realme in this present parliament assembled, that tohere in the parliament of your most noble father of famous memorie king Henry theight, holden at Westminster vpon prorogation the thirde daye of Nouember, in the. xxxi. yere of his prosperouse reigne, it was enacted, ordeined, and established by thauuthority of the same parliament, amonges other thinges, that his highnes, his heires, and succesours, kings of this realme, should haue and enioy fro time to time to endure for euer, of euery person and persons, whiche at anye time after the first day of January then next ensuing, should be nominated, elected, pfected, presented, collated, or by any other meanes appoin-  
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ted to haue any Archbishopshe, Bishopshe, Abbacie, Monastery, Priory, Colledge, Hospitall, Archdeaconshe, Deanery, Priouostship, Prebend, Parsonage, Vicarage, Chauncry, free Chappell, or other dignitie, benefice, office, or promotion spiritual, within this Realme or els where, within any of the kinges dominions, of what name, nature, or qualitie soeuer they were, or to whose foundation, patronage, or giste soeuer they did bringe, the first frutes, reuenues, and profits, for one yere of euerye suche Archbishopshe, Bishopshe, abbacie, Monastery, Priory, Colledge, Hospitall, archdeaconshe, Deanery, Priouostship, Prebende, Parsonage, Vicarage, Chauncry, free Chappell, or other dignitie, benefice, office, or promotion spiritual aforesaid, whereunto any such person or persons should after the said first day of January, be nominated, elected, preferred, presented, collated, or by any other meanes appointed. And that euery such person and persons, before any actual or real possession, or meddling with the profits of any such Archbishopshe, Bishopshe, abbacie, Monastery, Colledge, Hospital, Deanery, Priouostship, Prebend, Parsonage, Vicarage, Chauncry, free Chappell, Priory, or other dignitie, benefice, office, or promotion spiritual, should satisfie, contente, and pay, or compound or agree to pay to the kinges vse, at resonable daies vpon good suerties, the said first frutes and profits for one yere. And it was further enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that the first frutes of benefices, before that time accustomed to be payde to the Bishops of Norwich within his Diocese, and to the Archdeacon of Richemonde, within his archdeaconshe, or any other parson or persons within this Realme, or any other the kinges dominions, should from the said first day of January, cease and be extincte, and no lenger be payde but onely to the kinges highnes, his heires and successours in suche fourme as is before mentioned. And further it was enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that the kinges Maiestie, his heires, and successours, for more augmentation, and maintenaunce of the Royall estate of his imperiall Crowne, should yerely haue, take, enioye, and receiue united and knitte to his imperiall Crowne for euer, one yearely rent, or pension, amountinge to the valewe of the tenth part of all the reuenues, rentes, fermes, tithes, offeringes, emoluments, & of al other profits, as well called spiritual as temporal, appertaining or belonging, or that from thenceforth should belong to any archbishopshe, Bishopshe, abbacie, Monastery, Priory, archdeaconshe, Deanery, Hospitall, Colledge, House Collegiate, Prebende, Cathedral Church, Collegiate church, Conuentual church, Parsonage, vicarage, Chauncry, free chappell, or other benefice or promotion spiritual, of what name, nature, or qualitie soeuer they were, within any Diocese of this Realme or in Wales, & said pentis or annal rent, to be yerely payde



paid for ever, to the said late king, his heirs and Successors, at the feast of the Nativite of our Lord God, and the first paymente thereof to begin at the feast of the Nativite of our Lord God, which shoulde be in the yere of our Lord God a thousand, five hundred, thirtie & five, and to be paid yerely by such as shuld be appointed to have & collecti on therof, before the first day of April next following, after & said feast of the Nativite of our Lord God, as in the said acte moze plainly it both appere. And wher also one other acte was made & established in the said Parliament, the said. xxvi. yere, that no fermour of Spiritual persons, shoulde be compelled or charged to pay for their leasors, first frutes or yerely pencion for the tenth graunted unto the kinges highnes, notwithstanding any couenaunt contract, bonde, or other thing made to the contrary, as by the same acte moze plainly appeareth. And wher also at one other session of the same Parliament, holden by prorogation at Westminster, in the. xxvii. yere of the Reigne of your said father, one other acte was made and established that the kinges Spiritual Subiectes, shoulde be deducted and allowed of the tenth of their Spirituall promotions, for that first yere for whiche they shoulde pay the first frutes, as in the same acte also moze at large appeareth. And wher also in one other parliament of the sayde late kinge holden at Westminster, in the. xxviii. yere of his reigne, amongst other thinges, it was enacted and ordeined, that the yere in which the first frutes of euery benefice and Spirituall promotion shoulde be paid, shoulde begin and be accompted immediately after the aduouaunce thereof. And that the tithes, commodities, reuenues, casualties, and profites thereof (Chauntries only except) in the time of vacation, shoulde belonge and asserre to the nexte incumbente, towards the payment of the first frutes, as by the same acte, moze at large appereth. And wher also in one other Parliament holden bypon prorogation at Westminster in the. xxxi. yere of the reigne of the saide late kinge, one acte was made and established, that Bishoppes bypon their accomptes, of, and for the saide yere & tenth, shoulde be discharged by their othes of payment of such summe or summes of money of the said annual rent, or tenth, as they could not lawfully leuy, and also an order appointed howe the king shoulde be answered of the tenth of any benefice & Spirituall promotion, omitted in the original or former certificate of benefices and Spirituall promotions, made in the exchequer, as by the same acte last mentioned moze at large appereth. And wher also in the same Session and Parliament holden in the saide. xxxii. yere of the Reigne of your highnes saide noble father, and by auctoritie of the same Parliamente, one court was erected, established and made, for the better answering of the saide first frutes and tenths, unto the king called the court of firste

first fruits and tenths, as in the same acte of erection thereof more fully appeareth. And where also in the same Session and parliament one other acte was made, whereby the Bishoppe of Exeter for the time being (being before that discharged from the Collection of the tenth within his diocesse) should be charged and chargeable for ever, for, and with the collection of the same tenth within his diocesse, and make payment thereof, as other Bishoppes should be bound to doe, within their diocesse, as by the same acte more plainly appeareth.

And where also in one other parliament of the said late king holden at Westminster upon prorogation, in the xxiii. yere of his reigne one acte was established and made concerning collectors and receivers, to make payment of their receipts within thre monethes next after the same should be due, and payde to the kinges hie, under certaine penalties therein expressed, as by the same acte more at large appeareth.

And where also in the same Session and parliament it was enacted and established, that the new erected Bishopps of Chester, Gloucester, Peterborough, Wyke, Orford, and their successors for ever, should paye their tenths reserved upon their letters patentes, or their severall erections, onely in the shire court of the first fruits and tenths for ever, as by the same acte more at large appeareth. And where also in the parliament of the said late king holden at Westminster in the xxviii. yere of his reigne, one acte entitled, an acte for the union of Churches, not exceeding the value of fyve pounde, was established and made, wherein is conteyned a saving to the kinge of the first fruits and tenths of all Churches and Chappels not exceeding the value of fyve pounde, that they were as from thenceforth should be united and consolidated in one, as in the same acte and saving, more largely appeareth. And where also in the parliament of your highnes dearest brother of worthy memorie kinge Edward the fyfte, holden at Westminster upon prorogation, in the seconde yere of his reigne, one acte was made, that by the certificate of the Bishoppe of any diocesse within this Realme, or anye of the Dominions of the same, of refusal or non payment of any tenth of any benefice or spirituall promotion the incumbence should laste but the benefice or promotion onely, as by the same acte more plainly appeareth.

And where also in one other parliament of the said late kinge Edward, holden at Westminster in the fourth yere of his reigne, one acte was made and established, declaring howe and in what sorte the under collectors of the tenth in every diocesse appointed by the Bishoppe, should be bounde to discharge the Bishoppes of that collection, and a longer tyme given for the paymente of the

tenth. And howe the king should be answered of the tenth for the time of vacation of euery benefite and spiritual promotion, and that the patentees of the collection of tenth, should be good onely during the incumbentes of the grauntours, as in the same act moze at large is conteyned.

And where also in the second Session of Parliament of our late Soueraigne Lady Quene Mary your maiesties dearest sister, holden at Westmynster in the fyrst yere of her raigne, one act was made and established, toherby full power and auctoritie was geuen and appointed vnto her highnes at her will and pleasure, to alter, chaunge, write, transport, dissolve, or determine, aswell the said Court of fyfte frutes and tenthes, as the court of augmentations of the reuenues of the kinges crowne, and other courtes therein expressed, & to reduce the same courtes or any of them into one, two, or moze court or courtes, or to write and annere the saide courtes, or any two or moze of the together, or to any other of her maiesties courtes of recordes, as to her it should be thought most conuenient & best, for the better, swifter & moze speedy answering of her yerely reuenues, casualties, & profits then answerable in the said courtes, or any of them, as in the same acte moze at large is expressed, by bigge, and auctoritie of tohich act, the saide late Quene by her graces. liii. several letters patentees toher of two beare date the. xliii. day of January, in the first yere of her reign and the other two the. xliii. day of January in the same yere, did not onely dissolve, determine, and extinguishe the said Courtes, commonly called and intituled the court of augmentations and reuenues of the kinges crowne, and the court of the fyfte frutes and tenth, and the iurisdiction and auctoritie thereof, but also did write transport, and annere the saide Courtes of augmentations and reuenues of the kinges Crowne, and of the fyfte frutes and tenthes so dissolved to the saide Court of the Exchequer, there to be and continue as a member and pargell of the same court of the Exchequer, and didde appoynte all and singular the reuenues, casualties, profittes, and hereditamentes then answerable in the saide courtes, to the order, rule, sarge, and gouernaunce of the saide court of the Exchequer; these to be answered and accompted for ever, in suche order, maner, and forme, as in the saide later letters patentees, and in two Scedules vnto the saide letters patentees annered, is mentioned and declared, as by the tenour and purpote of the sayde letters patentees and Scedules, signed with her highnes hand, moze plainly maye appere. By reason of all tohich saide premises, not onely the saide perpetuall reuenues of the fyfte frutes and tenthes, graunted by the said acte in the. xliii. yere of the reigne of your highnes moost noble father, in augmentation and maintenaunce of the

Crowne



Crowne of this Realme, but also the Tenths or tenth partes reserved  
 ued nomine decime, by any letters patents, of your said noble father,  
 sythen the said. xxi. yere of his Reigne, and of your said dearest bro-  
 ther and sister, or of any of them, made to any Bishop, and his succe-  
 ssours, or to any Cathedral Church, Deane and Chapter, College, or  
 any other ecclesiasticall and Spiritual person or persons, or corpora-  
 tions, and their Successours for ever. And also also and every the ren-  
 tes, Revenues, Issues, and profittes, of all and singular Rectories,  
 personages, and benefices impropriate, glebe Landes, tythes, oblati-  
 ons, pensions, portions, and other profittes, and emolumentes, eccle-  
 siasticall, and spiritual to the same belonging ybeing in the handes  
 and possession of your said dearest Sister, at the saide. xxiij. day of  
 January, were ordered, answered, and accounted for in the said  
 Court of the Exchequer, & were therin wel and iustly answered and  
 paid, unto her highnes hie and behoufe, like as the same hadde bene  
 unto the saide two noble kinges, her said father and brother, by the  
 space of. xx. yeres without griefe or contradiction of the Prelates,  
 and Clergie of the Realme, to the great and grievous, and supplicati-  
 on of the inestimable charges of the Crowne of this Realme, which  
 daily syns the tyme of the making of the said statute, haue increased  
 and growen more and more. Which thing although the saide late  
 Quene mought and did manifestly fele and perceiue to be most trues  
 yet she bypon certayne zealous and incommenient respectes, not suffi-  
 ciently, nor politely inough weighing that matter, nor having due  
 consideration and regard to the mainenance and upholding and  
 good continuance of the State of the Imperial Crowne of this  
 Realme, in Succession, which rather needed an augmentation, then  
 any diminution, procured and caused an acte of Parliament, to be  
 made and provided in the second and third. yeres of the Reigne of  
 kinge Phillippe her late husband and her, that all paymentes of the  
 said tenth partes, should from thenceforth cease and be clearyly ex-  
 tinct and determined for ever, And that aswell all the saide benefices  
 and spiritual promotions, as the possessours, owners, and incum-  
 bentes thereof, & their Successours, should from and after the vij. day  
 of August, in the said second and third yeres, and so from thenceforth  
 at all times for ever, be clearyly exonerate, acquitted and discharged  
 against the saide late kinge Phillippe and Quene Mary, her heires  
 and Successours, of and from the paymentes and paymentes of and  
 every the saide tenth partes, in her ample and large manner and forme  
 as they were before the making of the said acte, of the tenth and  
 gynnall graunte thereof, in the saide. xxi. yere of the Reigne of the  
 saide late kinge your noble father, and as though the same had ne-  
 uer bene had nor made. And further that further the saide perpetual

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penſion, annall rent, or tenth, graunted by the ſaide firſt acte of the  
xxvi. yere of the ſaid noble king Henry. And alſo the ſaide ſeueral  
annall Rentes, or tenthes, reſerued nomine decime, by and vpon the  
ſaid ſeueral Letters Patentes, of the ſaide late king and Queene,  
made to Spirituall perſons and corporations as is aforeſaid, or any  
of them, from and after the feaſt of ſainct Michaell Tharchaungell,  
the laſt paſt, ſhould any more be paid or payable vnto the ſaid late king  
Phillippe and Queene Mary, her heires or Succeſſors, but that al-  
well all the ſaide Archebiſhopps, Biſhopps, and other bene-  
fices, dignities, Deanies, and Chapters, Colleges, Corporations, and  
Spiritually promotions aforeſaide, as alſo the poſſeſſours, owners,  
proprieties and incumbentes of the ſame, and their Succeſſours,  
from and after the ſaide feaſt of Sainct Michaell Tharchaungell,  
ſhould be clearly exonerate, acquitted and diſcharged, of, and from  
the payment thereof, againſt them, and the heires and Succeſſours,  
of the ſame late Queene for euer. And furthermoze that the ſaide late  
king Phillip and Queene Mary, her heires or Succeſſours from  
and after the ſaid feaſt of Sainct Michaell Tharchaungell, ſhould  
not receiue, perceiue, take and enioy any the Iſſues, reuenues, pro-  
fittes, or commodities of the ſaid rectories, perſonages, benefices, glebe  
landes, tythes, oblations, pencions, porcions, and other proſitres  
and emolumentes, Eccleſiaſticall and Spirituall aforeſaid, or of any  
of them, or of the reuerſion or reuerſions of them, or any of them, but  
in and by the ſaide acte, the ſame late king and Queene, clerely gave  
ouer, renounced and relinquished alſo all the ſaid rectories, perſona-  
ges, benefices, glebe Landes, tythes, oblations, pencions, porcions  
and other proſitres and emolumentes, Eccleſiaſticall and Spiritu-  
all aforeſaid, and euer of them, and the reuerſion and reuerſions of  
them and euer of them. And al their right, title, vſe, intereſt and de-  
mand of, in, or to the ſame, from them and the heires and ſucceſſors  
of the ſaid late Queene for euer, as alſo the ſaid perpetuall penſion,  
Annall rent and Tenth, and alſo the ſaide yearly Rentes, reſerued  
nomine decime, vpon the ſaid ſeueral letters Patentes, and all their  
right, title, and intereſt, which they or eyther of them, or the heires  
or ſucceſſors of the ſaid late Queene, had or might haue had, in or to  
the ſame. The ſame yearly penſion, tenthes, yearly rentes, perſona-  
ges, emolumentes, and proſitres, to be perceiued, taken, receiued,  
counted, employed, vſed and diſpoſed by the late reuerend father in  
God, Reginald Poole, late Cardinal and Legate, and ſuche other  
perſons as he ſhould name and appoint, and ſuch other as bene ſpe-  
cially limited in the ſaid acte, to and for certaine vſes, purpoſes and  
interetes mentioned in the ſame acte, with diuers provisions, and a  
ſauour in the ſame expreſſed and contained as by the ſame made at  
large

large appeareth. And your said humble and obedient subiectes, the Lordes spiritual and temporall, and commons in this your present parliament assembled, calling to our remembrance the huge innumerable and inestimable charges of the royal estate, and imperial crowne of this Realme and how the same is left vnto your Maiestie, at this your firste entrie therunto, greatly diminished, as wel by reason of the said acte made in the said second and third yeres of the said king Phillip and quene Mary, as otherwise, nor once inue at the bottom of our hartes great sorrowe and heavines, as subiectes careful for their naturall and liege Soueraigne Lady, vpon whom dependeth the suretie, worldly ioye, & welth of vs al. And being no lesse affected towarde your Maiesties moost royal person, and the preservation and maintenance of the same, and of the estate and succession of your Maiesties said Crowne, then were the first graunces of the said first frutes and tenthes, towarde your highnes most noble father, and his said royal estate, at the time of their said graunt to him therof made, do accompt of very right and good congruente no lesse then our most bounden duty, to moue your highnes, and therewith most humble to beseech the same, that the great dispersion and decay committed and done to the crowne and estate royal of this your Realme and the succession therof, by reason of the said acte made in the said second and third yeres of the reigne of the said king Phillip and Quene Mary, may at this parliament be reformed and auoyded. And that with your highnes fauor and royall assent it may be enacted, ordeined, established, and provided by auctoritie of this parliament, in manner and forme hereafter ensuing. That is to say, that the said acte made in the second and third yeres of the reigne of the said late king Phillip & Quene Mary, and al articles, clauses, and sentences therein contained, shalbe from and after the first day of this present parliament, utterly and clearely repealed, made hoide, and of no force ne effect. And al auctorities, and liberties graunted, limited, and appointed in and by the said acte, to the said late Cardinal Poole, or made or derliued by force, strength, or colour of the same acte, by or from the said late Cardinal, to any other person or persons, bodies politique or corporate, to crasse and be utterly hoide and determined: And that the said first frutes and all paymentes therof, from and after the said first day of this parliament, shalbe reuiued and haue their being and continuance againe, and be demed and adiudged to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, in the Quenes highnes most royal person, her heires and successors, and vntied and annexed to the imperiall Crowne of this Realme, of and in such like, and the same estate, interest, title, qualitie, force, degree, and condition, and in as ample and beneficiall manner and forme as the same was or were in the person or possession of



of the saide Queene Marye, at and befoze the said .viij. day of August, in the saide Acte of ertinguisment mentioned and expessed. The same Act of ertinguisment, or any Letters patentes, or any other matter or thing had, done or suffered by the saide late Queene, to the contrary therof in any wise notwithstanding.

And also that aswell so muche of the saide perpetuall and annuall tenth, and pention, graunted by the saide Acte made in the said .xxvi. yeare of the reigne of the saide late kinge Henry theight, as also so muche of the saide perylly rentes, reserved vpon the saide severall letters patentes, nomine decime, and also so many of the saide rectories, personages, and benefices impropriate, glebe landes, tithes, oblations pentions, portions, and other profittes, and emolumentes, ecclesiasticall and spirituall aforesaid, and the reuercion and reuercions thereof. And all rentes, emolumentes, and profittes incident to the same, as were in the handes and possession of the saide late Queene Marye, at and befoze the saide .viij. day of August, shall from the feaste of St. Michael Charchaungell laste passe, be vested, adiudged, and deemed actually and really in the Seasine and possession of our saide Soueraigne Lady Queene Elizabeth, her heires and Successours, to all intentes, constructions and purposes, of and in such like and the same estate, interest, order, degree, qualittie, sorte, and condition, and as fully, holy, largely, and beneficially as the same were in the Seasine and possession of the said late Queene Marye, at and befoze the same ryght day of August. And that aswell the said fyft frutes and tenthes and the order thereof, as also the saide annuall rentes, reserved nomine decime, and the saide rectories, personages, benefices, glebe Landes, tithes, oblations, pentions, portions, and other profittes and emolumentes, Ecclesiasticall and spirituall aforesaid, and euery of them and the reuercion and reuercions of them, and of all rentes and profittes, vnto the same or any of them incidente or belonging, shalbe within the said order, suruey, rule and gouernaunce of the said court of Cherchequer, in euery degree, sorte, and condition as they were (at and) befoze the saide .viij. daye of August, the saide Acte, made in the saide second and thirde yeares, or any other matter or thinge to the contrary thereof notwithstanding. And that so much of all and euerye the sayde Actes and Statutes, fyrt recited, or of any other acte, or Statute, touching or concerning the order, leuyng, true aunswering and payment or qualification of the sayde fyft frutes and tenthes, and of the saide rectories, personages, and benefices impropriate, and of the rentes, reuenues, emolumentes, and profittes thereof, and of all other the premisses, and also the charge, discharge, or alteration of them, or anye of them, or any matter or thinge in anye wise sounding or tending therevnto, which were standinge and beinge

ynge in force, effect, and interpreted at and before the sayde bill. Day of August (except only the sayd acres of the erections of the Courts of augmentation and first fruites and tenthes) shalbe, remaine, and continue in their full and perfect strengthes and forces, and be observed and put in due executiō according to the tenors and purposes of the same, and of every of them. And that the Queene's Maiesie her heires and Successours, by authoritie of this presente Parliament, shall from the said first day of this presente Parliament, have, holde, possede, and enjoye for ever the abuses, gifts, and patronages of all vicarages belonging, or incident to any of the said rectories and patronages impropriate, in the same sort, qualitie, condition and degree, to all intents and purposes, as the same were in the person and possession of the said late Queene Mary, at and before the sayde bill. day of August: Any thinge to the contrary in the late Cardinal, or anye grant or grauntes by letters patentes made by the sayd late Queene Mary, of the said abuses and patronages, or any of them to any Ecclesiasticall or Spirituall person or persons, or any Spirituall corporation to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Saving to all and every person and personnes, bodies politique and corporate, and their heires, executors, successours, and assignes and every of them, other then such persons as be mentioned and named, in any letters patentes, made by the said Queene Mary, the said right day of August, or at any time thitherto, or claiming onely by or vnder the authoritie and strength of the same acte, or letters patentes, or anye of them, all suche right, title, interest, estate, offices, Revenues, grauntes, annuities, pensions, fees, cozodies, rentes, and other yearelye profites and commodities as they or anye of them, ought or should have had perceived or enjoyed, of, in, or by reason of any the Parsonages, Rectories, or of any other the premises, in case the saide former acte now repealed, and this presente acte of repeale hadde never bene hadde made. Anye thinge in the same actes or eyther of them contained or foundinge to the contrary therof in any wise notwithstanding.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE ACTHORITIE aforesayde, that from and after the sayde feast of Saint Michell Charchangell last past, and so from thencefoorth from time to time, the saide pensions, annuities, rentes, cozodies, fees, and other yearelye paymentes, shalbe payde and payable onely by our sayde soveraigne Ladye, her heires and Successours, at the receipte of the Exchequer, or in such other places as the Queene's Maiesie, her heires and Successours shall appoint to at every person a persons that

that ought to haue and enioye the same in such sorte, order and forme as the same should or ought to haue bene paid and payable in case the saide actenowe repealed, had neuer bene had ne made. Anye thinge therein, or els in this acte contrained to the contrarie thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that all and singuler incumbentes, proprietaries, tenants, sermons, leases, and occupants of the premises, or any part therof, their heires, executors and assignes, which the sayd first day of this present Parliament, were behind, or in any arerages, of and with the rentes, sermes, tenthes, or other reuenues, profitcs, or ducties, by them or any of them, due and payable for, or by reason of the premises or any of them, shal and may be by the auctoritie of this acte, severally chargeable, acceptable and satisfiable to the Quenes Maiestie, her heires and successors, in and at the sayd court of the chequer, of and for the same arerages and ducties, as other accomptantes ben and shalbe in the same court. Any thing in the sayd acte, now repealed in this acte, or any other matter or cause to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

And yet neuertheless the Quenes most excellent Maiestie, at the humble request of her sayd subjects, of her abundant grace and bountyfulness is pleased & contented that it be enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that all & singuler vicarages, not exceeding the yearly value of ten poundes, after the rate and value upon the records and booke of the rates and values for the first fruitcs & tenthes, now remaining in the Exchequer, or that shal hereafter come & remaine in the same court. And also al & singuler parsonages, not exceeding the yearly value of ten markes, after the like rate & valuation, and the incumbentes thereof, & of every of them, their executors, administrators, successors, & surties, and every of the, from the said feast of S. Michell Tharchangel last past, shalbe fre & cleuely discharged, and acquitted for ever, against the Quenes Maiestie, her heires & successors, of & from the said first fruitcs. Any thing in the said acte of first fruitcs & tenthes, made in the said. xvi. yere of the reigne of the saide late king Henry theight, or in this acte of repeale, or any other acte or actes before recited to the contrary therof in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any incumbent of any such promotion spiritual as is aforesaid, charged or chargeable to the paymēt of y<sup>e</sup> said first fruitcs, happen to lye to the ende of one halfe yere next after y<sup>e</sup> last avoidance of the same promotion spiritual, so as he hath receued or without fraud or couyn, might lawfully haue receued or enioyed the rentes or profitcs of that halfe yere. And before the ende of the other halfe yere then



then next following, shall happen to die, or to be lawfully exicted, removed or put from the said promotion spiritual, by judgement in any action at the common law, without fraud or couin. That then every such incumbent his heires, executors, administrators & suerties shall be charged and chargeable but onely with the fourth part of the first frutes due to be paid for such his promotion and with no more of the said first frutes. Any thing in this acte contained, or any bond or writing to be made for the paiement of the saide first frutes, or any other matter or cause to the contrary notwithstanding.

And if it shall happen any such incumbent to live by the space of one hole yere next after the last aduoidaunce of the same promotion spiritual, & after before the end of one halfe yere then next following shall fortune to dye, or to be lawfully exicted, removed or put from the sayde promotion spiritual, by judgement in any action at the common law, without fraud or couin. That then every such incumbent, his heires, executors, administrators and suerties, shall be charged and chargeable but onely with the moitie and one halfe of the first frutes due to be paid, for such his promotion spiritual, and with no more of the same first frutes. Any thing in this acte contained, or any bond or writing obligatorie to be made for the paiement of the same first frutes, or any other matter or cause to the contrary notwithstanding.

And if it shall happen any such incumbent to live to the end of one whole yere and a halfe, next after the last aduoidaunce of such promotion spiritual, and after and before the end of sixe monethes then next following, shall fortune to dye, or to be lawfully exicted, removed or put from the sayde promotion spiritual by judgement in any action at the common law, without fraude or couin, that then every such incumbent, his heires, executors, administrators, and suerties shall be charged and chargeable but onely with three partes of the first frutes of the same promotion spiritual, in four partes to be divided and with no more. Any thing in this acte contained or any bond or writing obligatorie, had or made for the paiement of the said first frutes, or any other matter or cause to the contrary notwithstanding.

And if it shall happen any such incumbent to live to the end of two whole yeres, next after the last aduoidaunce of the same promotion spiritual, and not to be lawfully exicted, removed or put from the same promotion spiritual as is also saide, that then every such incumbent, his heires, executors, administrators, and suerties shall content and pay to our said Soueraigne Lady the Quene, her heires and successors, the whole first frutes due to be paid for the same promotion spiritual, according to the estatutes afore sayde.

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providyd also and be it enacted that all grauntes, immuni-  
ties and Liberties, gotten to the universities of Cambridge, and Ox-  
ford, or to any Colledge or Hall, in either of the saide universities,  
and to the Colleges of Eton and Winchester, and unto every or any  
of them by our late Soueraigne Lorde, King Henry theight, or anye  
other of the Quenes highnes progenitors or predecessors, or by acte  
of Parliament, for or touching the release or discharge of the sayde  
first frutes and Tenthes, or any parte thereof, shalbe alwaies and  
remain in their full strength and vertue. And that all suche lawfull  
conveyaunces and assuraunces in the lawe, as were hadde or made  
before the makinge of this acte, to either of the saide universities of  
Oxford and Cambridge, or to any Colledge or Hall, within anye of  
them, by what name or names soever they or any of them be incorpo-  
rated or named, of any of the saide personages, or benefices improp-  
iate, or of any part of the same, or of anye patronages, for the mainte-  
naunce of students, or learning, shalbe as good and effectual in the  
lawe, to all intentes, constructions and purposes, as though this acte  
had never bene made.

And be it further enacted by thauthoritie aforesayde, that  
the Deane and Canons of the free Chappell, of Sainte George the  
Martir, within the Castell of Windesour, and all the possessions and  
hereditamentes, of the same free Chappell, Deanerye, and Canons,  
by what name or names they be incorporated, or knownen, shal  
be exonerated and shall stande forever, discharged of the Tenthes  
and first frutes, before mentidned. Any thing in this acte, or in anye  
other acte or Statute before mentidned to the contrarye thereof in  
anye wise notwithstanding.

providyd also and be it enacted that all Leases, made before  
the xx. daye of December, laste past, for xxi. yeares, or thire tyers ab  
the most by any person or persons bodies politique or corporate, be-  
inge lawfull ye leased, of, or in any of the sayde personages improp-  
iate, or of, or in any other thorpemilles, wont commonly to be let or let  
to ferme, when bring out of lease or wherof there was not at the tyme  
of the makinge of the said lease or leases, any former lease to endure  
aboue one yeare then to come at the mooste. And vpon which newe  
traile or leases, the olde yearly rent, accustomed to be payde,  
for the same, by the space of. xxi. yeares last before the makinge of such  
lease or leases, or more yearly rent is reserved and payabie, during  
the sayde tyme, and all other lawfull grauntes, by them or any of  
them heretofore made of any office or offices, in olde tyme wont  
commonly to be graunted, and all giftes and grauntes of any per-  
sonage or personages, impropiate, heretofore belonging to the Arch-  
deaconrye of Welles, in the Countie of Somerssette, or to the incurre  
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ment of the same office and dignitie, or to the incumbent of the same lately geuen and restored, shalbe as good and effectuell in the lawe, as though this Acte of any thing therein contained hadde not bene had or made.

And be it further enacted by thauuthoritie aforesayde, that the sayde Archdeaconry, and all Rectories and spirituall promotions, geuen, assigned, limited or appointed to the same. And all and euery incumbentes, and incumbent which hereafter shall be presented, collated, preferred and admitted vnto the sayde Archdeaconry and the Rectories and spirituall promotions thereunto limited and appointed, or appertaining, and belonging, shall stande, remaine, and be charged and chargeable with the payment of the first frutes and Tenths for the same to the Queenes highnes, her heires and Successours, in suche like maner and fourme as other spirituall promotions, and the incumbents of the same, be and shalbe charged and chargeable by this acte, or by any other acte or statute before specified.

Provided alwaies and be it further enacted by thauthoritie aforesayde, that so manye of the sayde Rectories, Parsonages, and Benefices impropriate, Glebe landes, Tythes, Oblations, Pensions, Portions and other profites, and emolumentes ecclesiasticall and spirituall, and euery of them, and the reuertion and reuertions of them, and all rentes and profites vnto the same or anye of them incident or belonging, as were at and before the sayde eyght daye of Auguste, in the handes or possessions of the sayd late Queene Marye, and within the suruey, rule, and order of the Courte of the Duchie of Lancaster, shall be againe within the order, suruey, rule, and government of the saide Court, in such and the same maner and fourme to all intentes and purposes as they were at and before the sayde eyght daye of Auguste, in the sayde seconde and thirde yeares of the Reigne of the sayde late king and Queene, anye thing in this acte, or in the said acte of the same late king and Queene to the contrarye thereof in any thinge notwithstanding.

Provided alwaies and be it further enacted by thauthoritie of this Parliament, that no person or persons presented, instituted, or inducted at any time liething the first daye of this present parliament or that shall be presented, instituted, or inducted on this side the feast of Bartholme of S. John Dayntill next comming, to anye said spirituall or ecclesiasticall promotions, chargeable to or with the payment



of the first frutes of one yeares profites of suche promotion, shall incurre anye penaltie or forfeiture, by entringe into anye of the sayde Spirituall or Ecclesiasticall promotions, or by takinge the profites thereof, for the non paymente or not compoundinge of or for the first frutes therof, so that he or any other for hym, shall or do compounde for the same first frutes, accordinge to the true meaning of the statute before the laste frast of the Parliament of Sainte John Baptist, any thing in this acte contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

It is provided also, that this Acte or anye thinge therein conteined, shall not in any wise extende to charge anye hospitall founded and bled, and the possessions thereof employed, to, and for the reliefe of poore people, or anye Scoole or Schooles, or the possessions or revenues of them or anye of them, with the payement of any tenthes or first frutes. Anye thinge in this acte before mentioned to the contrarye in anye wise notwithstanding.

**An Acte whereby certaine offences be made Treason.**

**The. vi. Chapter.**



**W**HERE in the Parliamente holden at Westminster the twelfth daye of November in the second yere of the reigne of the late Queene Marye, Sister unto our mooste gracious Soueraigne Ladye the Queenes Maiestie that now is, there was one Acte or statute made for the better suertie and preservation of the said late Queene, entituled: An acte whereby certaine offences be made treason

treasons, as by the same acte moze at large doth appeare. And so; as much as the very wordes and sentences of the saide Estatute, do extend no further but vnto the saide late Quene Mary, and the heyres of her body, therefore yf any suche like offences as be mentioned and conteyned within the saide statute, should hereafter happen to be committed against our saide Soueraigne Ladye, that now is there were no due remedie, or condigne punishment prouided for the same.

In consideration whereof, and to thintente that the malice of wicked and euill doers maye the better be restrained by the extending of the effecte and benefyte of the matters conteyned in the saide estatute, to our moost deare Soueraigne Lady that now is, and for the moze suretie and preservation of her highnes royall estate, be it enacted by the Quenes moost excellent Maiestie, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, that yf any person or persones, after the fyrste daye of Maye nexte to come, do maliciously, aduisedly, and dyrectly, compasse or ymagine to depriue the Quenes maiestie that now is, or the heires of her bodie to be begotten, being kinges or queenes of this Realme, from the Style, honoure, and kingly name of the imperiall Crowne of this realme, or from any other the realmes and dominions vnto our saide Soueraigne Lady appertaining, and belonging, or to destroy the Quenes Maiestie that now is, or any the heyres of her bodie, being kinges or queenes of this realme, or to leuie warre within this realme, or within any marches or dominions to the same belonging against the quenes maiestie that now is, or any the heires of her body being kinges or queenes of this Realme, or to depole the Quenes maiestie, that now is, or any the heyres of her bodie being kinges or Quenes of this realme, from the imperial crown of the realmes and dominions aforesaide, and the same compasses or imaginations, or any of them, maliciously, aduisedly, & directly shal or do vtter by open preaching, expresse wordes or sayinges, or yf any person or persones after the saide fyrste daye of Maye next comming, shall maliciously, aduisedly, and directly saye, publishe, declare, mainteyne, or holde opinion that the quenes maiestie that now is, during her lyfe, is not, or ought not to be quene of this realme, or after her death that the heires of her highnes bodie, being kinges or queenes of this Realme of right ought not to be kinges or queenes of this realme, or that any other person or persons, other then the quenes highnes that now is during her life ought to be king or quene of this realme, or any other the realmes or dominions aforesaid, or after her death other then the heires of her bodie being kinges or queenes of this Realme, as long

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as any of her said heyres of her bodie begotten shalbe in lyle, of right ought to haue and enioye the imperiall crowne of this realme, or any the realmes and Dominions aforesaide, that then every suche offendour, being therof duely conuicted or attaynted by the lawes of this realme, their abbettours, procurers, and counsellozs, and all and every their comforters, knowing the saide offences or any of them to be done, and beyng therof duely conuicted or attaynted, as is abovesayd, for his or their such offence, shall forfeit and lose to the Quenes highnes, her heires and successours, all his and their goodes and catels, and the whole Issues and profytes of his and their landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, for tearme of the life of every suche offendour or offendours, and also shall haue and suffer during his and their liues perpetuall imprisonment.

Provided alwaies and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that all and every Ecclesiasticall person beyng conuicted or attaynted in forme aforesaide, for every suche his offence shall immediately and presently vpon suche attainder hadde, be iudged and remayne in the lawe, to all intentes, depriued from all his benefices and promotions spirituall or ecclesiasticall, in suche maner and fourme that it shalbe lawefull for every patron, founder, or geuer thereof, to present immediately after suche attaynder had, some one other to the same, as though the saide offendour or offendours were deceased.

And yf any person or persons beyng hereafter conuicted or attaynted of any the saide offences in fourme aforesaide committed, shall after his or their conuiction or attayndour esteemes committe or perpetrate any of the sayde offences in fourme aforesaide, that then every suche seconde offence or offences shall be deemed and adiudged highe treason, and the offendour or offendours therein, their abbettours, procurers, and counceylours, and all and every their aidours, and comforters, knowing the sayde offences, or any of them to be done, beyng therof conuicted or attaynted according to the lawes and statutes of this realme, shalbe iudged and deemed highe traytours, and shall suffer paynes of deathe, and lose and forfeite all their goodes, Cattels, Landes, and Tenementes, to the Quenes maiestie, her heires and successours, as in cases of highe treason by the lawes of this realme at this daye of right ought to be loste and forfeited.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that yf any person or personnes at any time after the saide fyfthe day of Maye next to come, by any writing, printing, ouert dede, or act, maliciously, aduisedly, and directly, do affirme that the quenes maiestie that



that now is, ought not to haue and enioye the stile, honour, and kingly name of this realme, or that any person or persons other then the Quenes maiestie that now is, ought to haue or enioye the stile, honour, and kingly name of this realme, or that the Quenes maiestie that now is during her life is not, or ought not to be Quene of this realme, or after her death, that the heires of her highnes bodie, being hinges or Quenes of this Realme, of right ought not to haue and enioy the imperiall crowne of this realme, or that any person or persons other then the Quenes Maiestie that now is, during her life, or after her death, other then the heires of her bodie begotten, brynge hinges or quenes of this realme, as long as any of her saide heires of her body shalbe in life, of right ought to haue and enioye the imperiall crowne of this realme, that then euery such offence and offences shalbe adiudged highe treason, and the offendour and offendours therein, their abettours, procurers, and counsellours, and all and euery their aydours and comforters, knowing the saide offences or any of them to be done, beyng thereof lawefully convicted or attaynted by the lawes of this realme, shalbe demed and adiudged high traitours, and shall suffer paynes of death, and lose, and forfeite all their goodes and cattels, landes and tenementes to the Quenes maiestie, her heires and successours, as in cases of high treason by the lawes of this realme at this day of right ought to be lost and forfeited.

Sauing to euery person and persons, bodie politique and corporate, their heyres and successours (other then the offendours and their heyres, and suche person and persons as clayme to any of their bles) all suche ryghtes, tytles, interestes, possessions, leases, rentes, reuertions, offices, and other p[ro]p[er]ties, which they or any of them shal haue at the day of the committinge suche treasons, or at any tyme afore, in as large and ample maner, as yf this acte had neuer bene hadde nor made.

Pr[ov]ided alwaies, and be it declared and enacted by the auctoritie afore saide, that concealement or keepinge secrete of any highe treasons, be demed and taken onely misprision of treason, and the offendours therein to forfeit and suffer, as in cases of misprision of treason hath heretofore bene used, any thinge aboue mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding.

Pr[ov]ided also, that yf it shall fortune hereafter any of the Peeres of this Realme to be indyted of any the offences made treason, or misprision of treason by this acte, that then the same Peeres or Peere so beyng indyted, shall be putte to aunswere to euery suche indytemente befoze the hyghe Steward of Englande for the tyme beyng, and to haue his and theyr tryall of all his and theyr Peeres, and to receaue and haue suche lyke iudgemente,

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byon the same triall of his or their Deeres, or make open confession of the same offence or offences, as is bled in other cases of highe treason.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that no person or persons shall in any wise be impeached for any of the offences abovesaide committed onely by open preaching or wordes, onlesse the offendour or offendours be thereon indicted within sixe monethes next after the same open preaching or wordes, any thing mentioned in this acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided alwaies, that the counsaylours, procurers, comforters and abettours mentioned in this act, for his or their first offence shall suffer lyke punishment, penaltie, and forseynture, as is conteyned in this acte against the principall offendours for their first offence, and none other. And that the counsaylours, procurers, comforters, and abettours, for his or their second offence, shall susteyne lyke punishment, penaltie, and forseynture, as is conteyned in this acte against the principall offendour or offendours for their second offence and none other.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that no person or persons shalbe hereafter indited or arraigned for any offence or offences made treason, or misprision of treason, by this acte, onlesse the same offence and offences of treason and misprision of treason aforesaid, be proved by the testimony, deposition, and othe of two lawefull and sufficient witnesses, at the time of his and their inditement, which said witnesses also at the time of the arraignment of the partie so indited (yf they be then lyving) shalbe brought forth in person before the partie so arraigned face to face, and there shall sweare and openly declare all they can say against the saide partie so indited, onlesse the saide partie so indited, shall willingly, without violence confesse the same.

**An Act for the explanation of the Statute of seditious wordes and rumours.**

The. vii. Chapter.

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Here in the Parliament holden at Westminster, the .xxi. day of November, in the fyft and second yerres of the Reignes of the late king Phillippe and Quene Mary (lyfter vnto our Soueraigne Lady the Quenes highnes that nowe is) and there continued and kepte, vntill the .xvi. daye of January then next ensuing, there was one acte or Statute then and there made, entituled, an acte against seditious woordes and rumours, which acte was then made to endure to the ende of the nexte Parliament. And after in the next parliament holden at Westminster the .xxi. day of October, in the second and third yerres of the reignes of the sayde late kinge and quene, and there continued vntill the .ix. day of October then next folowing, the said statute was then further continued vntill the last day of the next parliament. And after in one other parliament holden at Westminster the .xx. day of January, in the .iiii. and v. yerres of the reignes of the saide late king and Quene, and there continued vntill the .vii. day of Marche then next folowing, the saide acte and statute was then and there further continued, reuiued and enacted, to stande and be in full force and strength vnto the last day of the next Parliament. In which act (amonges other thinges) certayne punishment is provided for such persons as should maliciously vtter or speake any false, seditious, and sleaundersous newes, rumours or tales of the saide late kinge and Quene, as by the same acte and statute moze at large it doth and may appeare.

And for as much as the saide acte and statute sithen the making therof hath bene proued to be a very good and necessary law, for due correction and punishment of suche light and euill disposed persons, as moost seditiously did spread abroad very false and sleaundersous rumours and tales, to the great disturbaunce of the common tranquillitie of this Realme. And for that it is doubtfull whether the saide statute, and the woordes and sentences of the same, extende any further then onely to the saide late king and Quene, and whether the same Statute geue any remedie against such persons as shal maliciously vtter or speake any false, seditious, and sleaundersous rumours, newes or tales against our Soueraigne Lady the Quenes highnes that nowe is or not. For remedie wherof, and for a plaine declaration and explanation of the saide former acte, be it therfoze declared, ordeined, and enacted by thau thoritie of this present parliament, that the said act and statute made in the said fyft and second yerres of the reignes of the saide late king and Quene, and continued as is aforesaid, and all and euery braunch, article, woordes, sentences, clauses, prouisions, and things therein contained, shal from henceforth by thau thoritie of this present parliament be expounded, iudged, taken, and



Demed in all thinges to extend to the Quenes highnes that nowe is, as fully and largely, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, as though the same acte had by expresse wordes, extended to the heires and successours of the saide late Quene, any question, ambiguitie, or doubt, growen, rylen, or made, or hereafter happening to growe, rise, or to be moued to the contrary, in any thing notwithstanding.

And that all and euery person and persons, which hereafter shall maliciously utter or speake any false, seditious, or slanderous newes rumours, sayinges, or tales of the Quenes highnes that nowe is, or of the heires of her bodie, being kinges or Quenes of this Realme, or shall commit or do any offences expessed in the saide acte, against our said Soueraigne Lady the Quene that nowe is, or the heires of her body being kinges or quenes of this Realme, and being thereof conuicted or attaynted according to the fourme and order in the said former acte expessed, shall from henceforth incurre such paynes and penaltie, and haue such and the same tryall, iudgement, and punishment for the same offences, as in the saide act is limited and appointed, and according to the fourme, tenour, and effect of the same acte, and none otherwile.

**An Act to reuiue a Statute made in the .xxiii. yere of the reigne of king Henry theight, touching the conueying of Horses, Geldings, and Mares into Scotland.**

The .viii. Chapter.



Here in the Parliament holden at London the third day of November, in the one and twentie yere of the reigne of the late king of most worthe memorie king Henry theight, and from thence adiourned and prorogued to Westminster, & there continued by diuers prorogations, vntill the .xv. day of January in the .xxiii. yere of the reigne of the said late king, amonges other thinges there was one acte or statute made, whereby the selling, erchaunging, or deliury of any horses, geldings, or mares into Scotland, by any Englishman, should be felonie, which acte or statute is entituled, an acte that no Englishman should sel, erchaunge or deliuer to be conueyed into Scotland any horse, gelding, or mare, without the kinges licence, as by the same act and statute more at large it doth and may appeare. And although the same estatute was a very good and necessary law for the mainteinaunce of the strength of this realme, and for the due preseruatiō of the state of the same, yet the said statute by certaine actes of repeale made, aswell in the time of the late king Edward

ward the first, as also in the time of the late quene Mary, was by certayne generall wordes repealed and made void, by reason whereof, diuers wicked & euell disposed persons, haue of late time for their owne priuate gaine, conueyed diuers horses, geldinges, and mares out of this realme into Scotland, to the great strength & boldening of the Scotishe, and much to the detriment and hinderance of this realme.

Wherefore, be it enacted by the quenes most excellent maiestie, with the assent of the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons of this present parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, that the said act and statute made in the said. xiii. yere of the reigne of the said late king Henry theight, and all and euery byaunche, sentences, articles, words, matters, and clauses therein contained, shal from the first day of May next comming, stand, remaine, and continue in full force and strength, to all intentes and purposes, as fully and as wholly as euer the same was at any time heretofore, any acte or statute of repeale, or anye other matter or cause whatsoeuer to the contrary notwithstanding.

## An Acte touching Shomakers and Curriours.

### The. ix. Chapter.



Here at a parliament holden at Westminster vpon pro rogation the. xv. day of April, in the. vi. yere of the reigne of our late soueraigne lord king Edward the sixt, brother to the quenes maiestie, it was enacted amongst other thinges, against regratours of tanned leather, that no person or persons, of what estate, degre, or condition soeuer he or they be, shal bye, ingrosse, or cause to be bought or ingrosed any kind of tanned leather, to thintent to sel the same againe, sauing only Sadlers, Birdlers, Cordwainers, and all other artificers, whiche shall make thereof anye kind of wares to be sold, as by the same acte moze plainly at large may appeare, which act was in the parliament holden at Westminster the seconde day of April, in the first yere of the reigne of our late soueraigne lady Quene Mary, repeled, made void and of none effect. And one other act was then made entituled, touching the buying and currying of leather, the repealing of which act as experience hath sithen taught vs, hath brought Shoes, bootes, males, saddels, and all other kind of wares made of tanned leather to great and vnreasonable prices, to the vndoing of a great number of the quenes maiesties poore subiectes.

For reformation whereof be it ordeined, enacted & established by the quenes maiestie, the lordes spirituall & temporal, & the commons of this present parliament assembled, & by the authority of the same, that

that the foresayd statute made in the vi. yere of the reigne of the said late king Edward the sixte, and intituled, against all regratours of tanned leather, and euery article, byaunche, sentence, and clause therein conteyned, shalbe reuiued, and stand in effect from the fyfte daye of Aprill next comming, in as full force, strength and effecte, as though the foresayde acte made in the seconde daye of Aprill, in the first yere of quene Maryes reigne, touching the buying and currying of leather, wherby the said former act is repealed, had neuer bene had nor made.

And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the said statute and acte made in the first yere of quene Maryes reigne, siter to the quenes maiestye, intituled, an acte touching the buying and currying of leather, and euery byaunche, sentence, and article therein conteyned, shal from the said first day of Aprill not stande, but be utterly repealed, and be of no force nor strength, any clause, sentence, or article therein conteyned to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided alwaies and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that when and as often as any Shomaker or his deputie doth bring any leather sufficiently tanned to any Curriour to be curried (deliuering sufficient liquor for well dressing of the same) the same shalbe by euery such Currier well and sufficiently curried and made readye for the Shomaker, within the space of fise dayes in summer, that is to say: from the first day of March, to the last day of September. And also in like maner within the space of ten dayes in winter that is to say: from the first day of October, vnto the last daye of February, vpon paine to forfeite to the party grieved, for euery hide not curried and dressed in maner and fourme aforesaid, the summe of ten Shillings.

Provided further, that this prouiso shal not extende to bind any curriour to dresse anye leather, which by doing his best, is not hable to dresse within euery of the times aforesayde, but shal extend to all such leather as he conveniently may dresse, after the common rate of dressinge.

And be it also enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that no person or persons vsing or occuppyng the seate and mystery of Shomakers, shal fro henceforth worke or make any bootes, or Shoes of Beates leather, that shalbe mingled, made, or wrought with any other leather, but onely Beates leather of it self, onles it be in the hemmes or lining of bootes, shoes, or slippers, and that they shal put in all and euery bootes, shoes, or slippers made of Beates leather, innersoles made of wombes, which shalbe well and truly tanned and curried, and also all such other bootes, shoes, and slippers, as shal be made of dye Beates leather, or Calues leather, not to be mingled.



mingled with any other kinde of leather (sauing in the soles) but onely of it selfe, onles it be in hemmes or lininges of the same, that is to say: neates leather of it selfe, and Calues leather of it self, vpon paine of forfaiture of all suche bootes, shoes, and slippers, made to the contrary.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the one moitie of all such forfeitures aforesayd, shalbe to our Soueraigne Lady the Quenes maiesty, and her highnes heires, And the other moitie to him or them that seale or first sue for the same penalties, in any the Quenes maiesties courtres of record, by action of debt, bill, complaint, information, or otherwise, wherein no wager of lawe, essoigne, protection, or intinccion, shalbe admitted or allowed for the defendaunt in that behaile.

## An Acte touching Tanners, and the selling of tanned Leather.

### The .i. Chapter.

**F**OR sundrye good causes and considerations be it enacted by auctoritie of this presente Parliament, that no person or persons, hauing landes, tenements or rentes, of estate of inheritaunce, or for terme of life, to the cleere yearely value of .x. li. or aboue, except such person and persons as haue any tanhouse, and doeth occuppe the mistery of tanning at this present, and except an apprentice, and other, brought vp and taughte, or to be broughte vp and taught as a couenant seruaunt, or hired for that purpose by the space of foure yeares in the mistery or craft of tanning of leather, shall vse or haue profite, gaine, or commoditie, of or by the saide mistery, or craft of tanning of leather, after the feast of Saint Michael Tharchangell next comming, vpon paine of forfeiting of all suche leather so to be tanned, or the iust value thereof.

Also be it further enacted, that from and after the feast of S. Michaell Tharchangell, whiche shalbe in the yeare of our lord God, M. D. li. no person or personnes shall vse or exercise the feate, crafte, or mistery of tanning of leather, or shall by any meanes receaue any profit, gaine or lucre, by tanning of leather, but onely in a Citie, Borough, Towne corporate or market towne, where sellers shalbe usually appointed, except he or they haue bene apprentice, exercised and brought vp as is aforesaid, in the said craft and mistery, by the space of four yeares at the least, and also excepted the sonne or heire, & wife of

of euery such Tanner, to their owne hle and bles, vpon paine of forfeiture of all the leather so tanned, contrary to this act, or the value thereof.

And be it also further enacted by chaucthoritie aforesaid, that no maner of person or persons whatsoeuer, shall after the firste daye of May, next comming, buy, bargaine, bespeke, or take promise of bargain, of or for any rawe hide, or calues skinne, but of, or for such, with the same, as shall be present in saye or market then to be solde, ne they shall put or cause to be put to sale any kinde of tanned leather, trade, and bntwrought in any place within this realme, other then in open market or saye, in the place therfore commonly accustomed, & therfore prepared, vpon paine of forfeiture for euery hide .iii. s. iiii. d. for euery dosen of Calues skinnes .iii. s. iiii. d. and the hyde or hides and leather in any other wise solde or bought, or the value thereof.

And be it further enacted by chaucthoritie aforesaid, that no person whatsoeuer, shall or maye after the feast of S. Michaele Tharchangel next comming, buye, bargaine, bespeake, or take promise of bargain, of or for any tanned leather bntwrought as is aforesaide, but only such person or personnes as haue bene, be, or shall be brought by in cutting of leather into made wares, and do, will, and shall worke and conuerthe the same into leather cut into made wares wroughte vpon paine of forfeiture of the leather so boughte, bargained, or bestowed, or the value thereof.

And where as at a parliament holden at Westminster vpon prorogation, the second and third yeares of the reigne of king Edward the first, by other to the Quenes highnes, amongst other thinges in an acte entituled an acte for true currying of leather, vpon diuerse good considerations, it was enacted that euery tanner shall cut of euery wombe of euery Ore hide, fyre ynches broad, and of euery Stiere hide fyue ynches broad, and of euery Cowe hide eyght ynches broad of afile in the narrowest place, as by the sayd acte moze at large appeareth. Sithens which time the greedy and insatiable couetousnes of many of the tanners haue bene such, to defraude the sayde good and godlye acte, that they will not cutte of the wombes of the hides, nor bring them to the market to be solde, so that the Cordwainers cannot haue wombes to put into the inner sooles of bootes, shoes, kirtowpes, and slippers, according to the tenoure of the sayde statute in that case provided.

Be it therfore enacted by the Quenes royall maiestie, the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by chaucthoritie of the same, that all and euery person and persons, that doth occupy, or shall hereafter occupy the tanning or barkinge of anye Ore, Stiere, or Cowe hide or hides, to be conuerted

uerfed for sole leather, for or in the name of sole lether, now commonly called backes, shall cut or cause to be cut of every such ore, stier, or cowe hide or hides, that shalbe tanned or wrought for sole leather, commonly called backes, two pieces, which is now called wombes, of every such hide or backe that shalbe wrought, barkte, or tanned for backes, vpon paine of forfeiting of every such hide or hides, backe or backes so tanned or wrought, the wombes being not cut of. vi. s. viii. d. for every hyde.

And be it also further enacted by thauthoritie of this present parliament, that every tanner or tanners, or any other person or persons that occupieth, or hereafter shall occupy the mistery of tanning of leather, & shal cut of, or cause to be cut of those .ii. pieces aboue named, called wombes, shal begin vpon y two hinder shankes of every suche hyde, & there cut two pieces, and so cut throughout alongest the belly to the fore shankes, and there to cut of both the fore shankes, & those two pieces so called wombes, to be well and truely tanned after the maner of inner sole leather, and to containe of good and dype tanned leather. vi. ynches brode of assise in the narrowest place according to the stile of the standyed in the exchequer when they be tanned, or put to sale, or offered to be solde, promised, or bargaine made, vpon paine of forfeiture of .iii. s. iii. d. for every wombe being cut lesse then so many ynches broade, of assise in the narrowest place, as abouesaide.

And be it further enacted that every tanner or other person that occupieth, or hereafter shall occupie the mistery of tanning of leather which after the feast of the birth of our Lord Iesus Christ, next coming, shal put to sale, or offer to be solde in any fayre or markets, any backe or backes shall bring at the selfe same time to the faire or markets where he or they shall put such backe or backes to sale, for every backe the two forenamed pieces called wombes, there to be sold with the backes, or otherwise as the fayre or market shal him best serue, so that they be solde in the open market, vpon paine of forfeiture of every such backe or backes so brought to be sold or offered to be solde, or the value thereof, not hauing the wombes there in the open market or faire as is abouesayd.

Be it further enacted by thauthorite aforesayd, that no person or persons shall after the first day of May next coming, sel, or cause to be solde any maner of leather (clout leather sold in small pieces onely excepted) except he or they register, or cause to be registred the sayde leather, and every part and parcell thereof, vpon paine of forfeiture of the value of the leather so bought and not registred. And also the buyer to forfeit y said leather so bought & not registred as is aforesaid. And be it further enacted, that suche person or personnes as are, or hereafter shalbe assigned or appointed searchers, sealer or sealers of tanned lether, by vertue of any act or statute heretofore, or hereafter to be

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to be made, shall kepe one booke or register to enter al such bargaines as shalbe made for leather, hides or skynnes (clout lether sold in small pieces onely excepted) by any person or persons, during and by al the time of the saye or market, and shall enter all such bargaines, beinge thereunto required by the buyer or the seller, taking for his or their paine and trauaile therein to be taken. And for the registering thereof, of the seller of euery dicker of leather so entred one peny, for euery fire dosen of Calues skynnes one peny, and so after the rate, and noo moze or greater summe or summes of money to be payde for entring of the same, vpon paine of forfeiture for not entring and registering as is aforesaid, for euery dicker of leather. iii. s. iii. d. for euery dosen of calues skynnes. iii. s. iii. d. and so after the rate.

And where also one other act entituled, an act for true tanning of leather was made at a parliamēt of the said king Edward holden vpon prorogation at Westmīster, 5. iii. day of Nouēber, in the. ii. yere of his most gracious reigne, which act was made to endure to the end of the next parliamēt then folowing, & after the same act was reuiued at one other parliamēt holden at West. the first day of March, in the. vii. yere of the reign of the same king Edward the first, to cōtinue til the last day of the next parliamēt then folowing. And after the same act was continued in the. ii. and last session of oure soueraigne lady Quene Mary, holden vpon prorogation at Westmīster 5. xiii. day of October, in the first yere of her graces reigne, to continue till the last day of the next parliamēt the folowing, which being expired, and the same act neuer since continued, his force & efficacy is ended. And forasmuch as the said acte is good & beneficiall for the common welth of this realme, Be it therefore enacted, ordained, & established by the Quene our soueraigne ladye, with thassent of the lordes spiritual & tempozal, & the commons in this present parliament assēbled, and by thāuctoritie of the same, that the said act made in the. ii. yere of the said king Edward the first, and al wordes, clauses, articles, and prouisions in the same (excepte these wordes, as the barke, tapworze, meal or culuerdong) shalbe reuiued, continued, stand, and endure in his ful force & strength, to al intentes, constructions, & purposes, and 5. no tanner in or about the tanning of any lether, shal vse or exercise any other kind of stuffe, but only ash barke, oke barke, tapworze, meal or Culuerdonge. ¶ Provided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctorozitie aforesaid, that thone moitie of al such forsaitures aforesaid, shalbe to our soueraign ladye the Quenes maiestie, and her highnes heires or successours, & thother moitie to him or them that seale or first sue for the same penalties in any of the quenes Maiesties courtz of recozd, by action of debt, bill, complaint, information, or otherwise, wherein no wager of lawe, esloigne, protection, or inunction, shalbe aduerted or allowed for the defendant in that behalfe.

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AN ACTE that the carying of Leather, Tallowe,  
or Rawe Hides out of the Realme for Marchaundize,  
shal be fellonie.

The. xi. Chapter.



Here at this present time Tanned Leather, Hydes,  
and Tallowe, and all thinges therof made, is gro-  
wen and come vnto such high and excessiue priee, as  
the like within the time of mans memorie, hath not  
bene seene within this Realme, by reason that dy-  
uers and sondrie couetous and greedy persons nowe  
of late hauing more regarde vnto their owne singuler lucre and  
gaynes, then vnto the maintenaunce and preseruacion of the Com-  
mon and publique weale of this the Realme of England, haue con-  
trary to the lawes and statutes of this Realme, conueyed or caused  
to be conueyed out of the same, vnto the parties beyond the Seas,  
there to be vttered by way of Marchaundize, suche great store and  
plentie therof, that the same Leather, Hydes, and Tallowe, is more  
plentifull, and to be had better cheape there, then here within this  
Realme, to the great hurt, hinderaunce and damage of al the quenes  
moost louing Subiectes.

For reformation wherof, be it enacted by the Quene our So-  
ueraigne Lady, the lordes Spiritual and Temporall, and the Com-  
mons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthor-  
tie of the same, that no person or personnes, whatsoeuer he or they  
be, straunger or Denizen, from and after the fyrst day of June next  
comming, shall shippe, conuey, or abbette, procure or cause to be  
shipped or conueyed in, or to any Shippe, Boate, or other vessel, in  
or vpon the Sea, or in, or vpon other Hauen, Riuer, Creek, or place  
within this Realme of England, or Wales, or other the Quenes  
dominions, anye maner of leather tanned or untanned, or anye  
salte, or untanned Hides, or any Leather called Backes, or sole Lea-  
ther, or any Tallowe, to thintent to transport, or cary the same in a-  
ny the parties beyond the Sea, there to be vttered, bartered, or sold  
by waye of Marchaundize, vppon payne that euery suche offen-  
der shall be demed, adiudged and taken to be a fellone for euery such  
offence. And that euery person and persons, beyng after the saide  
fyrste daye of June, lawefully attaynted, by the due order of the  
common lawe of this Realme, befoze suche as shall haue power and  
aucthoritie to heare and determine felonies by the common lawe,  
shal for euery suche offence suffer such paynes of death, forfeitures of  
goodes and cattels, as he or they shuld haue done, yf he or they had  
bene lawefully attaynted for anye offence beyng felonye, by the

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common lawe of this Realme. And also shal forfett to the Quenes highnes, her heires and successours, all his or their landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, during the life of euery suche offendour onely.

And for the better execution of this lawe, and for the meting with the offenders therin: Be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that all and euery offence or offences, committed or done by any person or persons, contrary to this act, from and after the saide fyft day of June next comming, shalbe inquired of, tried, determined, and iudged in suche Countie of this Realme, or other the quenes dominions, as shalbe next adioyning to the place, where any suche offence shalbe first committed, any iurisdiction, auctoritie, or blage to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided alwaies and be it enacted by th auctoritie aforesaide, that this act, nor any thing therein conteyned, shall in any wise extende or be interpreted to make any corruption of bloude, of any such offendour, or of any heire of any such offendour, but that euery heire and heires, of euery such offendour and offendours, in any of the cases aforesaide, and also the wife of euery suche offendour, shall haue after the death of euery such offendour or offendours, like title, interest, benefite, profite, commoditie, action, and aduauntage, as they or any of them should haue had, if any such offence, conuiction, or attayndor had not bene had ne made.

Sauing to all and euery person and persons, bodies politique and corporate, their heires and successours, and the heires and successours of euery of them, other then all and euery such offendour and offendours, which shalbe conuicted or attaynted, by any suche offence, all such right, title, interest, rentes, leasess, commons, profitess, commodities, aduauntages and hereditamentes, whatsoever they be, as they or any of them might or ought to haue had, in, or to any Mannors, Lands, Tenementes, Rentes, pensions, Seruices, hereditamentes, or other thinges whatsoever, or in, or to any parte or parcell thereof, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, as he or they should haue had, yf suche attainder had neuer bene hadde ne made. Any thing in this acte conteyned, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also that this act or any thing therein conteyned, shal not be hurtfull, nor preiudiciall to any Captayne of any Shippe in the time of warre, being in the retinue and seruice of the quenes Maestie, or her heires or Successours, nor to any owner or mayster of any Shippe, nor to any other being the Quenes Subiecte, and traueyling to any fozen partes beyond the Sea, for the hauinge, carrying, and taking with him or them in time aswell of warre as of peace, of any Hides, Leather, or Tallowe, for their necessarye uses about



about their Whype or Whippers, so that it be not to be uttered beyonde the Seas, by any feaunde or couin, by way of Marchaundize. This acte of any thing therein coneyned to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that this acte, or the effect and substaunce thereof, shalbe openly redde, published or declared, at euery quarter Sessions, and at euery lete or lawe day, by the Iudices that shal gene the charge at the Sessions. And by the Steward of the lete or lawe day, in his charge when he keepeth the lete or lawe day.

This acte to endure from the sayd first daye of June, and to continue the space of fyue yeres. And from thence vnto the ende of the next Parliament, after the said fyue yeres.

**An Acte limiting the times for laying on lande Marchaundize from beyond the Seas, and touching Customes for sweete wines.**

The. xii. Chapter.



Most humble shewinge, beseechen your highnes, your Lordes and Commons in this present Parliament assembled. That where the summes of money payde in the name of Customes and Subsidies of wares, and Marchaundizes, transported out, and brought into this your highnes Realme of England, by any marchaunt strainger, or denizen, is an auncient reuenue annexed and united to your imperiall Crowne, and hath in the tyme of King Edward the third, and other your most noble progenitors, amounted to great and notable summes of money. Till of late yeres many greedy and couetouse persons, respecting moze their priuate gayne and commoditie, then their duetie and allegiaunce, or the common profit of the Realme, haue and do dayly as well by conueying the same their wares and marchaundises out of creekes, and places, where no custome is resident, as also by or through the negligence or corruption of the customer, searcher, or other officer, where they be resident, as by diuers other fraudulent, vndue, and subtil practises and deuises, conuey their goods and marchaundizes, aswel brought from the parties beyond the Sea, as transported out of this your Realme of England, without payment or agreyng for the payment of the customes and Subsidies, therfore due. Wherby the yerely reuenue aforesaide, is very muche empayred and diminished, to the

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great losse and damage of your highnes, and to the great burden and charge of your louing Subiectes, who by occasion thereof haue of late yeres bene moxe charged with Subsidies, and payment for the supplement of the said losse and damage, then els we should haue bene. That it maye therfore be enacted by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that it shall not be lawfull to o: for any person o: persons whatsoeuer, from and after the fyfte day of September nexte comming, to lade o: put, o: cause to be laden o: put, of, o: from any wharfe, heye, o: other place, on the land, into any ship, bessel, crayer, lighter, o: botome, any goodes, wares, o: marchaundises whatsoeuer (fythe taken by your highnes subiectes onelye excepted) to be transported into any place of the parties beyonde the Sea, o: into the Realme of Scotland, o: to take bp, discharge, and laye on lande o: cause, o: procure to be taken bp o: discharged out of any lighter, shippe, Craier, bessel, o: botome, beyng not in a lecke o: wache, and laide on lande, any goodes, wares, o: marchaundises, whatsoeuer (fythe taken by any of your highnes subiectes, and saltre onelye excepted) to be brought from any the parties beyonde the Sea, o: the Realme of Scotland, by way of marchaundises, but onely in the day light, that is to say, from the first of March, vntill the last of September, betwixt the sonne rising, and the sonne setting, and from the last of September, vntill the first of March, betwene the howres of leuen in the morning, and foure at the after noone, and in, and vpon some suche open place, heye, o: wharfe, places, heyres, o: wharfes as your highnes, your heires o: successours, shall on thisside the sayd fyft daye of September, therfore assigne and appoynte by vertue of your highnes commission o: commissions, within your graces portes of London, Southamptton, Bristowe, Welscheffer, Aeneacastell, and the suburbes of the same, and euery of them, and in some open place, heye, wharfe, places, heyres, o: wharfes, in all other portes, creekes, Hauens o: Roodes, whil onely excepted, where a customer, comptroller, and searcher of suche Portes, Hauens, Creekes, o: Roodes, and euery of them, o: the seruantes of any of them haue by the space of .x. yeres laste past bene accustomed resident, o: hereafter shalbe resident, vpon payne of forfeiture of all such goods, wares, o: marchaundises so laden o: discharged contrary to the true meaning of this acte o: the value thereof.

And be it further enacted by thauthoritie aforesaide, that no maner of person o: persons, after the said day shall receiue o: take into any ship, crayer, o: other bessel, any goodes, wares o: marchaundises (except before excepted) to be transported into any place, beyonde the Sea, o: into the Realme of Scotland, by way of Marchaundise, nor shall discharge and laye on lande, out of any shippe,  
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Craier, or other vessel, any goodes, wares, or marchaundise (except before excepted) beyng brought from any place beyonde the Sea, or out of the Realme of Scotland, by waye of Marchaundise in any other place or places, or at any other howes or tymes, then is before limited and appoynted, vppon payne that the owner or owners, maister and maisters, or other person or persons, which shal take charge, or guiding of any such Shippe, Craier, or vessel, or of the marchaundise, goods, during and for that biage, shal forfeit and lose for euery suche offence. C. pounce, of lawefull money of Englande.

And be it further enacted by aucthoritie aforesaide, that noo maister, skipper, or purser or other person or persons, taking charge of the hyage, or of the marchauntes goodes, shal after the saide day receiue or take into any ship, Craier, or other vessel any goodes, wares or marchaundise (except before excepted) to be carried or transported into any of the partes beyond the Sea, or into the Realme of Scotland, before he shal haue signified to the Customer of the porte, where he ladeth, and other officers, there in the open custome house, yf any suche be there, or els wher the said officers, their deputies or seruantes or any of them, be or shal be vsually resident, that he intendeth to lade, and to what place he intendeth to passe, nor shal after his or their full lading, depart out of the porte, creekes, or Strame where he shal so lade, before he do in like maner signifie vnto the customer, and other officers as is aforesaid, of his lading, and what marchauntes and other persons shal haue lading with him, or in his Shippe, Craier, vessel or Botome. And further truely do aunswere to suche questions, as shal be ministred to him or them by the customer or other officer, concerning such wares and marchaundizes, as he shal haue laden, being examined vpon his or their oth, or otherwise in the open custome house, or otherwise as is aforesaide, vpon payne to forfeite for euery suche default not truely aduertising nor aunswering as is aforesaide, a hundzeth pound.

And be it further enacted by chaucthoritie aforesaide, that no owner, maister, purser, or other person taking charge of any Shippe, Craier, vessel, or botome, wherein any goodes, wares, or marchaundises (except before excepted) shal be laden and brought from any the parties beyond the Sea, or the Realme of Scotland, shal after the said day discharge into any lighter or botome, and laye on lande, or procure, cause or willingly suffer to be discharged into any lighter or botome, and to be laide on land out of such ship, craier, vessel or botome, any goodes, wares or marchaundise whatsoeuer before suche owner, maister, purser, or other person or persons, taking charge of the Shippe, craier, botome, or vessel, or the marchauntes goods, for



that boiage ſhal haue ſignified and declared to the cuſtomer oꝛ other officer of the port, Hauen, oꝛ Creeke, where he arriueth, the names of euery of the marchauntes oꝛ laders. And ſhall haue truly answered to ſuche queſtions, and interrogatoꝛies, touching oꝛ concerning ſuche goodes, wares, oꝛ marchaundise, as ſhall be then laden in any ſuche Ship, beſſell, oꝛ botome, as ſhalbe to him miniſtred, by ſuch cuſtomer oꝛ other officer, openly in the cuſtome houſe, oꝛ in ſuche other places as is afozeſaide, vpon his oꝛ their othe, yf nede ſo require, vpon paine that euery ſuche maiſter, purſer, oꝛ other perſon oꝛ perſons, taking charge of ſuch ſhip, craier oꝛ other beſſell, ſoꝛ that voyage, ſhall forfeit and loſe ſoꝛ euery ſuch default not truly aduertizing noꝛ answering as is afozeſaid an hundꝛeth pound.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie afozeſaide, that from and after the ſaid day, no perſon deniſen ne ſtraunger, do take vpon him to enter oꝛ do, oꝛ cauſe to be entred into the bokes of any cuſtomer, oꝛ other officer oꝛ officers of any Poꝛte oꝛ Hauen within this Realme, oꝛ his oꝛ their deputie oꝛ deputies, ſeruaunt oꝛ ſeruauntes, any maner goods, wares, oꝛ marchaundise, whatſoener comming oꝛ brought into your highnes realme, from any the parties beyonde the Sea, oꝛ from the Realme of Scotland, oꝛ going oꝛ to be tranſported out of the ſame your highnes Realme, into any the partes beyonde the Sea, oꝛ into the Realme of Scotlande, in the name oꝛ names of any other perſon oꝛ perſons, then the very true owner oꝛ owners of the ſame goodes, wares, oꝛ marchaundises, being not ſolde, bargayned oꝛ contracted ſoꝛ, to, oꝛ with any other perſon oꝛ perſons, befoze ſuch entre, oꝛ befoze the arriuall of ſuch goodes, wares, oꝛ marchaundise, in the partes beyonde the Sea, vpon paine of forfeiture of the value of the goodes ſo entred.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie afozeſaide, that yf any wharſinger, cranekeper, ſearcher, lighterman, weighter oꝛ other officer, pertyning to the Subſidie, cuſtome oꝛ cuſtome houſe, do at any time after the ſaid day, conſente oꝛ knowe any offence, oꝛ thing to be committed oꝛ done contrary to the true meaning of this act, oꝛ any article therein conteyned, and do not within one moneth nexte after knowledge therof had, diſcloſe the ſame to the chiefe cuſtomer oꝛ other officer of the Poꝛte, where oꝛ within whoſe office oꝛ charge any ſuch offence ſhalbe committed oꝛ done, oꝛ elſe to the Lord Treasurer, Chauncellour, vnder Treasurer, oꝛ one of the Barones of the Exchequer oꝛ the attorney generall ſoꝛ the tyme beyng, ſhall ſoꝛ euery ſuche conceplement, oꝛ not diſcloſinge ſuche offence as is afozeſaide, forfeite and looſe a hundꝛeth pounde of good and laweful money

money of Englande.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the customer of Hull, shall haue a seruauit or deputye continually resident at the Citie of Poſte, and euery other customer, comptroller, and searcher of euery poſte, shall from and after the daye aforesayde assigned, and appointed, to and in euery of the places aboue mentioned, and in all and euery poſte, Creeke, or Roode, where the seruauit or any of them haue bene continually resident by the space of tennie yeares, or hereafter shall be as is aforesayde, one able and sufficient deputye, or seruauit at the least, and that aswell all and euerye of the customers, comptrollers, and searchers, as all and euerye his or their deputye and deputies, seruauit and seruauites, shall from tyme to tyme do his and their diligent attendaunce, at the howſes, tymes and places afoſe appointed, as well in the custome house, as else where, as it shall be most expedient and conuenient, for the speedie dispatche of the marchaunte, and his goodes, wares, and marchaundise, and for the due execution of this Acte, in suche thinges as to hym or theym shall appertayne, withoute conceymente, or consentinge to anye thinge or thinges, whiche may be to the hurte or damage of youre highnesse, youre heires or successors, in the iust aunſweryng of your highnesse due customes and Subsidies, vpon paine that euerye suche Customer, Comptroller, and Searcher, shall forſayre and lose for euerye offence by him or them committed or done, his or their ſeuerrall office or offices, and an hundred pounde of lawfull money of Englande, the moitie of all whiche forſeynture, shall be to youre highnesse, your heires and successors, and the other moitie to him or them that wil sue for the same, in any your highnesse courttes, wher in no esloigne, or protection, wager of lawe, or inunction shall be admitted and allowed.

And wher of late yeares there hath bene muche greater quantitie of sweete wines, brought into this Realme, then in tyme past hath bene accustomed, whiche bene also broughte from the same place, where the wyne commonlye called malueſeye is brought, and is of the same nature of grape. And neuerthelesse eyther by negligence, ignorance, or corruption of the officers, there hath not bene suche Custome and Subsidye receaued for the same, to the vse of youre highnesse, and your progenyours, as is due, and oughte of verie ryghte to be payde for suche sweete wynges, comminge thorough the Straighthes, commonlye called the Straighthes of Harrokie, otherwile Mallegaye, to the great losse and hinderaunce of youre highnesse, and the burthen of vs youre lo-  
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loving subiectes for thaduoiding of al ambiguities and doubts, and to thintent the officers may moze certainly knowe what they ought to receiue for such kinde and nature of marchaundise.

It is enacted and declared by this present acte, and by the auctorite aforesaid, that like custome and subside, is of herpe righte to be payde, and shall from henceforth be payd for suche sweete wines as is aforesaid, as is, and hath bene accustomed to be payde for malurleys: any negligence, none payment, blame, or custome to the contraye in any wise notwithstanding. Sauing to all and euery Lord marcher, and other person & persons, whatsoeuer body politike or corporat, al and euery suche right, title, and interrest, as they or any of them, haue and of right ought to haue in the payment or hauinge of anye franchise, libertie, custome, and subside, or any of them, any thing in this acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted, that it shalbe lawfull to ship, lade, and transpote into the portes, beyonde the Sea, all maner of coyne and graine, out of the counties of Dorsethe and Suffolke, and either of them, at such places as heretofore hath ben accustomed, and betwene the howses in this act appointed, when the same coyne and graine shall not excede the seuerall prises, mentioned in the Statute made in the .v. and .vi. yeare of our late Soueraigne Lord king Edward the first, entituled, an act against regratois, forstallers and engrocers, the customes and subsidies therfore due, bring well and truly paid, any thing in this acte, or any other acte or statute to the contraye notwithstanding.

Provided alwaies, that this acte, nor any thing therein contened, be not prejudiciall or hurtfull to the Isle of Anglesey, the Wyres of Camaruan, and Flint in Northwales. But that the inhabitants thereof and euery of them, maye receiue, lade, and discharge according to their old auncient vse, customes or libertyes, graunted to the or any of their predecessours, by the late king of famous memoire, king Henry the eight, or anye other his progenitours. So that they and euery of them, paye the customes and subsidies that shalbe due, and discharge and lode, within the times & houres befoze mentioned, any thing in this present acte, to the contrary notwithstanding.

### An Acte against the deceitfull vsing of Linnen Clothe.

The.iiii. Chapter.

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Here certayne euill disposed and deceitfull persons, vnto to buye and ingrosse into their handes; greates store of linnen clothe, do vse to cutt the pieces of cloth ouer a beame or piece of timber, made for their purpose, and do by sundry deuises, racks, stretchers, and drawes the same both of length and bredthe, and that done, do then with barledores, pieces of timber and wood, and other things soze bete the same, ether casting ther vpon certayne deceitfull liquors, mingled with chaulke, and other like thinges, wherby the sayd cloth is not onely made to seme much finer and thicker to the eye, the it is in dede, but also the thredes thereof be so loosed and made to aske, that after .iii. or .iiii. washinges, it will scarcelye holde together, to the great disceite, hinderaunce and losse of the subiectes of this Realme.

Be it therefore enacted by the auctoritie of this presente Parliament, that if anye person or persons, shall hereafter willingly vse or cause to be vsed the aforesayde deceites or anye other acte or actes, meane or meanes, to, in, or with any kind of linnen cloth, wherby the same shall be deceitful or worse to & for the good vse thereof, that then the said cloth shall be forfeited & the offender therein to be punished by one monethes imprisonment at the least, And shall pay such fine as shall be assessed, for his or their offence or offences by the Iustices, before whō he or they shall be condemned according to the tenor of this acte.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all and euery the Iustices of oyer and determiner, & Iustices of assises, in all their sessions, and all Iustices of peace in euery countie & place of this Realme, or .iii. of them at the least, wherof one to be of the Quorum, shall haue full power and auctoritie to enquire, here, & determine the offences aforesayde, in their sessions, by information, indictment, or vpon the trauesse of any presentment, or inditement founde before the sayde Iustices or any of them.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that yf any person or persons, shall at the nexte sessions of the peace (after the said sealer, to be kepte within the shyre or place, where the sealer was made, or before two Iustices of peace, wherof one to be of the Quorum) make due information of the offence and of the sealer of the said cloth or elles shall procure the offenders to be thereof indited, at the sayde nexte sessions after the said sealer. And shall also be bound before the sayd Iustices by recognisance or obligation to the vse of the Quenes Maiestie, her heires and successours, in such forme as the sayd Iustices or any of them, shall thinke mete for the greatnes of the matter, and to pursue the same matter with effecte, and to giue euidence as of right appertayneth, and also to pay and geue the moitie of all that he or they shall so recouer, and receiue, to the Sherriffe, or other accomptaunte, to the vse of the Quenes Maiestie, her heires and

and successours, and the one half of all the forfeitures and fines of and for the premises to be unto the Queenes maiestie, her heires and successours, and the other moitie to him or them that shall make information, or procure inditement, of and for the premises, and shall follow the same with effect. And further be it ordeined and enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that the Iustices befoze whome anye suche offence shall be tried, shall certifie the same by their estrete, into the exchequer, at the least yearly at Michellmas, as they be bounde to do other their estretes, and vpon that certificate the Barons of the Exchequer, to haue full power and authoritie to make proces for so much thereof, as by this estatute shall apperteyne to the Queenes Maiestie, in like maner and forme as they onely do for anye other synes and amerciamentes, so certified befoze them.

### An Acte for the shipping in Englishe Bottomes

#### Chc. xiii. Chapter.



Where by diuers statutes made in the time of the Queenes Maiesties most noble progenitours, it hath bene enacted and prouided that no person borne within the Realme of England, or being of the ligeaunce of the prince of the sayd Realme, or anye the Dominions of the same, should ship any maner of marchandize either out of the Realme, or into the same, but only in a ship or botome, whereof the saide prince or some other of their subiectes were owners, possessioners, proprietaries, and maisters, and the mariners of the same vessel, for the moze part to be also their subiectes, bypon diuers paines and penalties, as in the sayde statutes moze plainely appeareth. Since the making of which said statutes other foraine princes, finding them selues agriued with the said seuerall actes, as thinking that the same wer made to the hurt & prejudice of their country and nauy, haue made like penall lawes against such as should ship out of their countries in any other vessels, then of their seueral countries and Dominions, by reason whereof there hath not onely growen great displeasure, betwixt the foraine princes and the kynges of this realme, but also the marchantes haue bene soze griued and endamaged. For reformation whereof, and for encrease of continuance of anytie, Be it enacted that the seuerall actes made in the fift yeare of king Richard the second, the third Chapter, and in the fourth yere of the late king of famous memory king Henry the seventh, entituled of wine and tholouze ode, shall be from henceforth clerely void & of none effect. And neuerthelesse for auoiding of gret disceit practised & now

nowe adayes vsed by sundry subiectes bozne within this Realme of England, and Dominions of the same, which enter in the customers bookes, wares and Marchaundize of Aliens, bozne in their owne name, whereby the Quenes Maiestie is defrauded in her customes and Subsidies, to the great decay of the auncient reuenues of the Crowne. Be it enacted by the aucthoritie of this present parliamente, that all and euery person and persons, bring owner or owners of any goodes, wares, or marchaundizes, which after the first daye of January next ensuing, the session of this present Parliament, shall in time of peace and when there is no restrainte made of Englishe Shippes: embarke, Shippe, lade or discharge by waye of marchaundize, anye wares or marchaundize (maistres, raffe, pitche, tarre and cozne onely excepted) out of, or into any Shippe, barke, hoye, vessel or botome, wherof our sayde Soueraigne Ladye the Quene, her heyres, or successours, or some of her or their Subiectes of this Realme, or the Dominions of the same, be not possessioners and proprietaries, and the maistres vnder God, and the mariners of the same Shippe or Shippes, for the most part be not subiectes of our sayde Soueraigne Ladye, her heires and successours, shall aunswere, yelde, and paye to the vse of our sayde Soueraigne Ladye the Queene, her heires and successours, such custome and subsidey for such wares and marchaundizes so shipped, laden, or discharged as is aforesaid, rate & rate lyke as straungers and aliens, bozne out of the obeyssaunce of our sayde Soueraigne Ladye the Quenes Maiestie, do and ought to paye for wares and marchandizes of like nature and kind. And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that no hoye, or plate, wherof any English subiect or subiectes, is, be, or shalbe owner or owners at any time after the first day of January aforesayde, from anye port, creeke, or place of this sayd Realme of Englands, or anye of the Dominions of the same, shall traueys or crosse the Seas, in, to, or for anye of the portes beyonde the Seas, with any wares, goodes, or marchaundize, vpon payne that the sayde owner or owners shal forfait and lose the same hoye or plate, with all and euery the munition, tacklinge, and other necessities pertaining therevnto, wherof the one moitie to be to the vse and behofe of the Quenes sayde Maiestie, her heires and successours, and the other moitie to the person or persons which wil sue for the same, by bil, plaint, action or information in any her highnes courtes at Westminster, in which case no wager of law, protection or essoinie shalbe admitted.

¶ Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted that it shalbe lawefull to the marchants, commonly called marchantes aduenturers, & marchantes of the Staple, & euery of them, at their seuerall fletes, or Shippings of cloth & wol, and either of the from and out of the Riuer of Thamise, onely being made twice in one yeare at the most, to embarke, Shippe, and



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and lade any goodes, wares or marchaundize in, or to anye shippe  
bessell, or bottome, belonging or appertaining to anye straunger or  
alien bozne, so long and at such time as there be not shippes, bessels,  
or bottomes belonging to the quenes highnes, her heires or succes-  
sours, or any of her subiectes in the said Riuer of Chamile, sufficient  
in number, and apt and mete for the sure and safe conueyaunce of  
the wares and marchaundize, into the partes of Flaunders, Hol-  
land, Zeland, or Brabant, or any of them, without paying any grea-  
ter or moze custome, and Subsidye, then Englishe men do, or ought  
to pay: any thinge in this acte, to the contrary notwithstandinge.

This acte to continue and stande in force, for the space of fyue yeares  
only nexte immediately folowing this present Session of parliamēt  
and from thence to thende of the Parliament then next folowing.

Provided that forasmuch as the Marchauntes of the Citie of  
Bristowe, haue susteyned of late great losses at the Sea by the ene-  
myes, by reason of takinge of all their beste shippes, with muche  
substaunce, so that they be not of abilitie to provide sufficiente ships  
and bessels of their owne within the time limited in this presente  
Acte, that they for lacke of their owne shippes or any other bessels  
of the Quenes dominions, within fortye myles of the Citie of Bris-  
towe, maye lode and embarche their owne wares and marchan-  
dizes in straungers botomes, without paying anye other custome,  
then for wares and marchaundizes laden in Englishe botomes.  
This acte or any thing therein contained to the contrarie notwith-  
standing.

## AN ACTE for the continuaunce of the makinge of wollen Cloth, in diuers Townes in the Countie of Essex.

### The. xv. Chapter.



**V**HERE AS by a certaine acte of Parliamente be-  
gon at Westminster, the. xx. day of Januarie, in  
the fourth and fiftth yeares of the Reignes of the  
late king Philippe and Quene Marye, and there  
continued till the. vii. day of Marche in the sayde  
fourth and fiftth yerres of the reignes of the said late  
kinge and Quene, amongst other thinges it was  
enacted, that from and after the first day of Maye, then nexte folow-  
ing, no person or persons whatsoeuer: shall vse or exercise the feate  
or mystery of making, weauing, or rowing of wollen clothes, longe  
or short, or carleies, pinned whites, or plaine streightes to thintence  
to put the same to sale, but onely in a market town where cloth hath  
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continually bene vsed to be made by the space of .x. yeres then laste passe, or in a citie, borough, or towne corporate, bypon payne of forfeiture for every such wollen clothe or carsey made, woven, or robed out of such citie, borough, towne corporate, or market towne, fyne poundes.

And whereto it is provided in the saide acte, that it shalbe lawefull to any person, then vsinge or exercisinge the seate or misterye of making, weauing, or rowing of clothe or carsey, to inhabite or dwell where he then did dwell, and there to vse the making, weauing, or rowing of cloth or carsey, as he hath heretofore: any thing in the said acte notwithstanding.

And whereto it is further provided by the saide acte, that it shalbe lawefull to all and every person and persons, which then did, or after that time shoulde inhabite or dwell in any of the shires of Northewales or Southewales, Cheshyre, or Lancashyre, Westmerlande, Cumberlande, Northumberland, Byshopricke of Durham, Cornewall, Suffolke, Kente, the towne of Goddelmyne in the Countie of Surrey, or Poshesthyre, beyng not within twelue myles of the Citie of Poshe, or in any of the Townes or Villages neare adioyning to the water of Strotod in the Countie of Gloucester, where clothes hath bene vsually made by the space of twentie yeres then laste pass, and having bene apprentice to thoccupacion of clothe makinge, or vsed the same by the space of seven yeres, to sette by, vse, and exercise the seate or misterye of making, weauing or rowinge of wollen clothe, out of a citie, borough, or market towne, as before that tyme they mighte haue done, any thinge in the saide acte to the contrarye notwithstanding.

And for as muche as the Townes or villages of Bocking, Westbarfoide, Dedham, and Cockeshall in the Countie of Essex, be sayde large Townes, and as well planted for clothe makinge as the sayde towne of Goddelmyne, or better, and seuerall townes in this Realme better planted for that purpose, and haue bene inhabited of a longe time with clothemakers, which haue made and dayly do make good and fytte clothe, to the great common weale of the Countrey there, and nothinge preiudiciall to, or for the common wealthe of this Realme.

Be it therfore ordeyned and enacted by thauthoritie of this present Parliament, that it shalbe lawefull to all and every such person and persons whiche nowe do inhabite or dwell, or hereafter shall dwell in the saide Townes or villages of Bocking, Westbarfoide, Cockeshall, and Dedham, or in anye of them, nowe vsinge or exercisinge, or that hereafter shall vse or exercise the seate or misterye of making, weauing, or rowinge of clothe or Carsey by the

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space of seven yeres at the least; or haue bene prentice therto by the said space of seven yeres, to inhabite and dwell in the saide towones or villages of. Bocking, Westbartholde, Cockeshall; and Wedham, and in euery or any of them, and to vse the makinge, weauing, or rowing of Clothe or Carley as befoze this time they mighte haue done yf the saide acte had neuer bene made, any thinge in the saide acte to the contrary therof made, or any other acte, Statute or lawe heretofore made, or hereafter to be made to the contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding.

**An Acte that Tymber shall not be felled to**

make Coales for the burning

of Iron.

**The. xvi. Chapter.**



Of the auoyding of destruction and wasting of tymber, be it enacted by our Soueraigne Ladye the Quenes Maiestie, the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente Parliament assembled, and by chaunthoritie of the same, that no person or persons hereafter shall conuert or imploye, or cause to be conuerted or imployed to Coale or other fuell, for the makinge of Iron, any timber tree, or timber trees, of Oke, Beeche, or Aste, or of any parte thereof, of the breadth of one foote square at the stubbe, and growing within .xiii. myles of the Sea, or of any place of the chuiers of Thames, Seuerne, wyke, Humbyr, Del, Tyne, Ure, Trent, or any other Riuer, Creek, or Stream, by the which carriage is commonly used by boate, or other vessel, to anye parte of the Sea, upon payne of forfeyture for euery such tree, or any part thereof so imployed or conuerted to Coale, or other fuell, for the makinge of Iron as is aforesaide, forty shillinges of lawefull money of England; the one halfe of all which forfeytures to be to our Soueraigne Ladye the Quenes Maiestie, and to her heires and liccesours, and the other moytie to him or them that will so sue for the same, by originall writte, byll, playnte, or information, wherein no riddage, p'cession, inuincion, or wagger of lawe shalbe admitted or allowed, and it is shalbe so holden, that this acte shall not extende to the countie of Suffex, nor to the weylde of Kent; nor to anye the parishes of Chale woode, Newedygate, and Lyghe, in the weylde of the Countie of Suffex.



ye of the said Act to be continued and the effect from and after  
the death of the said King John Baptist here comming, after  
this session of parliament.

AN ACTE to continue the acte made against  
rebellious assemblies.

The. xlii. Chapter.



HEREIN THE Parliament holden at Westminster,  
the. xliii. day of October in the first yere of the reigne  
of the late Quene Mary, sister vnto the Quenes high-  
nesse that now is, there was one acte & statute made  
against misdoers and rebellious assemblies, to in-  
dure and stand in force vnto the end of the next parli-  
ament then followinge, as by the same acte more plainlye doth ap-  
peare. Which said acte and statute in the parliament holden at West-  
minster the. xlii. day of November, in the sixth and seconde yeres of  
the reigne of the late king Philip and Quene Marye, amonges  
other thinges then and there continued vnto the last day of  
the next parliament. And after at the next parliament begonne and  
holden at Westminster the. xli. day of October, in the seconde and  
third yeres of the sayd late king Philip and Quene Mary, the sayde  
acte and statute amonges other thinges was also further conti-  
nued to stand in force, vntill the last day of the next parliament then  
followinge.

And also at the next Parliament holden at Westminster the. xx.  
day of January, in the fourth and fift yeres of the reignes of the  
sayd late king and Quene, the sayde acte and statute amonges  
other thinges was likewise further continued to stand and remaine  
in force vntill the last day of the next Parliament then followinge,  
which is this present Parliament, and so the sayde acte and statute  
by the actes of continuances aforesayde, doth stand in force but only  
vnto the last day of this present parliament.

And forasmuch as the said acte & statute during all the time afores-  
said, hath bene proued by experience to be a very good and benefick  
all labe, and mete to be continued and kepte in force, aswell for the  
preseruacion of the peace, as also for the common wealth, and qui-  
etnes of this realme: Be it therfore enacted by authoritie of this  
present parliament, that the said acte and statute, and euery bzaunch,  
clause, and article therein conteyned, shall stande, remayne, conti-  
nue, and be in full force and strength, to all intentes and purpo-  
ses, for and during the naturall life of the Quenes mooste excel-

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 sent maiestie that now is (which almightie God longe preserve and  
 continue) and to the end of the parliament then next following. And  
 that the sayde act and Statute, and the wordes and sentences men-  
 tioned and conteyned in the sayde acte, shall extende and be to the  
 Quenes highnes that now is, as fullie and amplye as ever the  
 same did extende to the sayde late Quene Mary.

AN ACTE for the preservation of Spawne  
 and frye of fische.

The. xliii. Chapter.

**W**HEREAS by the use of nets, fynges, and  
 other unlawfull and hurtfull maner  
 of catching, the frye of fische, and  
 the spawn of the same, is much  
 destroyed, and the commons of the  
 realm are thereby much hurt and  
 damaged. And whereas it is  
 thought expedient, that the  
 frye of fische, and the spawn  
 of the same, should be preserved  
 and kept, and that the commons  
 of the realm should be thereby  
 benefited. Therefore, be it  
 enacted by the authority of the  
 same, that no person or persons,  
 of what estate, degree, or  
 condition soever he or they  
 be, from and after the first day  
 of June next comming, with  
 any manner of nette, weele,  
 butte, tynning, hepper, lyne,  
 crele, calwe, faguet, troinette,  
 trimenet, trimbote, halbote,  
 weblister, seur, lammie,  
 or with any deuysed or engine  
 made of beare, wool, lyne, or  
 canvas, or with any heling  
 nette, or trimle boate, or by  
 any other deuysed engine,  
 cawtell, wayes, or meanes  
 whatsover, heretofore made  
 or deuysed, or hereafter to be  
 made or deuysed, shall take  
 and kyll any pong brode,  
 spawne or frye of Cles, Salmon,  
 pyke, or Dicke, or of any other  
 fische in any fludgate, pype  
 at the tayle of any mill,  
 weare, or in any freghtes,  
 streames, brokes, rivers, salt  
 or fresh water, within this  
 realme of England, Wales,  
 Barwikke, or the marches  
 therof, nor shall from and  
 after the first day of June  
 next comming, by any of the  
 wayes and meanes aforesayde,  
 or otherwise, in any ryuer  
 or place aboue specified, take  
 and kyll any Salmon, or  
 Crowtes, not being in season,  
 being hepper Salmon, or  
 hepper Crowtes, or wedder  
 Salmon, or wedder Crowtes.

And

And be it further enacted by authoritie aforesaide, that no person or persons, of what estate, degree, or condition he or they shalbe of, from and after the said first day of June, by any of the meanes aforesaide, in any of the rivers or places aboue named, shall take and kill any piecke or pickerell, not being in lengthe tenne Inches fische or more, nor any Salmon not being in length .xvi. inches fywe and more, nor any Troute, not being in length .viii. inches or more, nor any barbel, not being in length .xii. inches or more. And to thintent the said yong fry, bryde, or Spawne, may be preserved according to the true meaning hereof.

Be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that no manner of person or persons, from and after the fyfthe day of June nexte comming shall fywe or take fywe with any manner of nette, traniell, kepe, woze, hury, crele, or by any other Ingyn, deuise, waies or meanes whatsoeuer, in any riuer or other places aboue mentioned, but onely with net, or traniell, wherof euery mesh or make shalbe two inches and a halfe bryde, anglyng excepted.

Provided neuerthelesse, and be it enacted by authoritie aforesaide, that in all suche places where smeltes, loches, minneys, bulheades, gudgions, or eles hath bene vled to be taken and killed, that in all suche places, it shalbe lawefull onely for the taking of smeltes, loches, mineis, gudgions and eles, to vse suche nettes, lepes, and other ingynes, deuises, waies and meanes, as heretofore hath bene vled for the taking of the same. So that such person or persons vsing or occuppyng suche nettes, or other ingynes, as is laste afoze mentioned, do not take, kill, or destroy any other fische, with the saide nettes or ingynes contrary to the tenour and fourme aboue in this estatute conteyned.

And be it further enacted that yf any person or persons after the aforesaide daye, limited in this presente Acte, offende in any of the poyntes before rehearsed, contrary to the tenour, fourme, and purpose of anye parte of the same, that then euery suche person and persons so offending, shall lose and forseite for euery time of his or their offence the summe of .xx.s. and the fywe so taken contrary to the tenour hereof, and also the vnlawefull nettes, ingynes, deuises, and instrumentes, whatsoeuer they be, wherewith or wherebye suche offence, shall fortune to be made, committed or done. And to thintente that a perfecte execution maye be hadde of this presente Acte.

Be it further ordeyned by authoritie aforesaide, that the Lord Admirall of Englande, and the Maior of the Citie of London for the time being, and all and euery other personne and personnes, bodies politike and Copporate, which by graunte or other lawefull

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waies or meanes, lawefully, haue or ought to haue any conseruati-  
 on or preservation, of any riuers, streames, or water, or punishmen-  
 tes and corrections of offences committed in any of them, shall haue  
 full power and auctoritie by vertue of this acte, to enquire of all the  
 offences to be committed and done contrary to the effecte, and true  
 meaning of this acte, within his or their such lawfull rule, govern-  
 ment, iurisdiction, and conseruacy by the othes of .xii. men or moze:  
 And to heare and determine al and euery the same offences commit-  
 ted within his or their suche iurisdiction, conseruacie, rule and go-  
 uernment. And that all suche paines and forfeitures, as shall rise, or  
 growe by the reason of anye suche conuiction, for any thoffences  
 aforesaide, shall be to thuse of euery of the saide person and persones;  
 beyng no body politique or corporate, nor heade of any body politi-  
 que or corporate, before whom such conuiction as is aforesaide, shall  
 be had, and to thuse of euery suche body politique and corporate;  
 as heretofore haue lawfullye hadde anye synes, forfeitures, and  
 amerciamentes, for any offence, vnlawefully committed or done, in  
 anye suche their iurisdiction, or conseruacies, bypon conuiction, had  
 before the heade of anye suche body politique or corporate. And that  
 also the Lorde of euery leete within this Realme of Englande, and  
 Wales, or the dominions of the same, shall haue full power and auc-  
 thoritie to enquire of all thoffences contrary to the purpote, tenor  
 and forme of this estatute, within the precincte of their saide leete,  
 suche inquirie to be had, in maner and forme, and after suche sorte as  
 common amerciamentes, or other thinges inquierable in their court  
 leete, haue bene lawefully bled and accustomed to be had and made.  
 And that bypon euery such presentment had in any court or leete, by  
 the othe of twelue men or moze, as is aforesaide, of any offence or of-  
 fences, made contrary to the tenoure of this estatute: that then  
 all suche forfeiture aboue in thys estatute lymptted and appoynt-  
 ed for suche offence, shall be vnto the Lord of the said leete for the time  
 beyng, to his owne vse for euer, and shall be leuied in suche maner  
 and forme, as amerciamentes for affrayes, committed within the  
 precincte of suche leete, haue bene bled and accustomed to be leuied.  
 And yf any leete, after the saide fyrst day of June, be kepte within  
 this Realme of England, or Wales, or the dominions thereof, and  
 the Stewarde of the saide leete, for the tyme beyng, or other for  
 him, do not charge the Jury swozne in suche leete to enquire of all  
 thoffences done within the precincte of the sayde leete, contrarye  
 to the tenour and fourme of this estatute: That then the Stewarde  
 of the saide leete, to leese and forfeyte softe Wyllnges. Thone  
 moytie of whiche forfeitures shall be to the Queenes Maiestie, her  
 heires and successours, and thother moytie to him that will sue  
 for the same. And if any Jury swozne in any leete, and beyng char-  
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ged to enquire of the offences committed within the precinct of that leete, do wilfully and willingly conceale and make doubtfull in presentment, or do not present the offence and offendours: That then it shalbe lawefull to the Steward, or Baylys of the leete, or his or their deputie for the time being, to enquire of such offences, and to enquire of such conceilement, default and none presentment, and that upon such conceilement, default, or none presentment founde and presented, every of the said Jurours which so did conceale, make default, or not present, shall lose and forfeite for every such offence, twentie shillings to the lord of the said leete, the same to be levied in maner and forme as is abovesaide, for the other offences limited and expessed.

And it is further enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that yf the offences aboue mentioned, touching the taking, killing, or destroying of fysh, or fyre and Spawne, be not presented at the leete wher they shalbe committed, within one yere next after the offence committed, that the Justices of Peace in their Sessions, Justices of Oyer and Determiner, and Justices of Assise in their severall circuits, shall have full power and auctoritie to enquire thereof, and to heare and determine all the offences committed contrary to the tenour of this statute.

Saving alwaies to all and every person and persons, bodies politique and corporate, and every of them, all such right, title, interest, claime, priviledge, and conservation, and enquire and punishment of and for any the offences aforesaide, as they or any of them lawefully have and enioye, or of right ought to have and enioye, by any maner of meanes, any thinge in this acte to the contrary notwithstanding. This acte to endure to the ende of the nexte Parliament.

Provided alwaies that this acte, or any thing therein conteyned shall not extende vnto the fyshinge of the river or water of Tweede, nor to any ryuer or water wherof the Quenes Maistie is answered of any yearly rent or profit, nor to the owners, fermours and occupiers of the ryuers of Tishe, or Wyke, in the countie of Donmouth, for any fysh hereafter to be taken in any the rivers or waters before mentioned and expessed, but that it may be lawefull at all seasonable tyme and tynes hereafter, for such as have or shall have any maner of interest therein, to take and fysh the said ryuers and waters, in such manner and forme as heretofore hath bene used and accustomed, not byng and nette, or enging, to the intent willingly to take, kill, and destroye the Spawne breed, or frye, or byrding of any kynde of fysh, within the sayde se-

uerall ryuers of waters, this acte of any thinge therein mentioned  
of conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

**An Acte for the continuance of certayne  
Statutes.**

**Edw. iij. Chapter.**



Here in the Parliament begon and holde at London  
the thirde day of Nouember, in the .xxi. yere of the  
reigne of our most dread soueraigne lord of most fa-  
mous memory king Henry theight, and from thence  
adiourned to Westmynster, and there holden and con-  
tinued by diuers prorogations vnto the dissolution  
therof, one acte was made for the true winding of wolles, and one  
other acte was there made to restraine killing of waynelynges, bul-  
lockes, hircs, and heifers being vnder the age of two yeres, which  
said seuerall actes were then made to endure and continue vnto the  
next Parliament, as by the saide seuerall actes more plainly appea-  
reth. And wher also in the same parliament one other acte was made  
and established for attaintes to be sued for the punishment of perjury  
vpon hitheir verdictes, which acte laste before rehearsed was then  
made and ordeined to continue and endure to the last day of the next  
Parliament, as by the same acte more playnely appeareth.

And wher also in the parliament begon and holden at Westmin-  
ster the .viii. day of June, in the .xxviii. yere of the reigne of our saide  
most dread soueraigne Lord Kinge Henry theight, and there conti-  
nued and kept vntill the dissolution therof, it was ordeined and en-  
acted that all and singuler the saide actes aboue remembred, and  
euery of them should continue and endure in their force and strength  
and also be obserued and kept vntill the laste day of the next Parlla-  
ment, as by the same acte amonges other thinges therein conteyned,  
more playnely appeareth.

And wher also in the parliament begon and holden at Westmin-  
ster the .xviii. day of Aprill in the .xxxi. yere of the reigne of our saide  
late most dread soueraigne lord king Henry theight, and there conti-  
nued vntill the .xxviii. day of June then nexte following, it was or-  
deined and enacted by theauctoritie of the same Parliament, that al  
and singuler the said seuerall actes aboue remembred, & euery of the  
and all articles, clauses, and prouisions in them and euery of them  
conteyned, should continue and endure in their force and strength, and  
also



also be observed and kept untill the last day of the next parliamente, as by the same act amonges other thinges therein contayned moze plainly appeareth.

And where in the parliament holden at Westminster, in the xrrb. yere of the reigne of our said late soueraigne Lorde king Henry the eighth, one acte was made for the preservation of woodes, to endure for seven yeres then next following, and from thence to the ende of the next parliament, as by the same act moze plainly it doth & maye appere. And where also at the Parliament holden at Westminster, in the xrrbii. yere of the reigne of the sayd late king Henry the eighth, & there continued and kept untill the dissolution thereof, it was ordeined and enacted, that al and singuler the saides actes aboue remembred, and euery of them (except þe said acte made for the preservation of woodes, as is aforesaid) should continue and endure in their force & strength, and also be observed & kept untill the last day of the next parliament then next following, as by the same act amonges other thinges therein conteyned moze plainly appereth. And where also at the Session of the parliament ended at Westminster the. xliii. day of Marche, in the thirde yere of the reigne of our late Soueraigne lord king Edward the first, one acte was made for the true tursping of leather, which acte was made to endure to the end of the next parliamente, as by the same act moze plainly appeareth. And where also at þe session of a parliament ended at Westminster, the first day of februarye in the iiii. yere of the reigne of our sayd late soueraigne lord king Edward the. vi. one acte was then and there made concerning the buying of rother beastes: and also one other acte was then and there made touching the buying & selling of butter and cheese, which sayde seuerall actes were then and there made to endure and continue unto the end of the next parliament, as by the same seuerall actes moze at large it doth and may appere. And where also at the session of a parliament by prorogation holden at Westminster, the. xxiii. day of January, in the fifth yere of the reigne of our said late soueraigne lord king Edward the first, one other acte was then and there made against regatoures and forestallers, to endure to the end of the next parliament: all and singuler which said actes aboue mentioned together, with the sayde acte for the preservation of woodes, at a parliamente holden at Westminster, the first day of Marche, in the seventh yere of the reigne of our sayde late soueraigne lord king Edward the. vi. and there continued and dissolved the last day of the same moneth of Marche, and all clauses articles, and provisions in them and euery of them conteyned, were there reuocued and continued to stand in their force and strength untill the last day of the next parliament.

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And where also at the session of a Parliament holden by pro-  
clamation at Westminster the xiiii. daye of October, in the firste yeare of  
the reigne of the late Quene Mary, sister to the Quenes highnesse  
that now is, and there continued and kepte until the dissolution  
thereof all and singular the actes aboue mentioned, and before that  
tyme continued at sundrye parliaments as is aforesayde, and all  
clauses, articles, and prouisions in them and euery of them contey-  
ned, were there reuiewed and continued to stande in their force and  
strength vnto the last daye of the next parliament.

And where also at a Parliament begun and holden at Westmin-  
ster the xii. daye of November, in the firste and seconde yeares of the  
raignes of the late kyng Phillip and Quene Mary, and there con-  
tinued and kepte until the dissolution of the same beinge the xlii.  
daye of January then next ensuinge, all and singular the actes aboue  
remembered, that were before that tyme continued at sundrye parli-  
aments as is aforesayde, and all clauses, articles and prouisions in  
them and euery of them conteyned, were by the auctoritie of the said  
parliament there reuiewed and continued to stande in their force and  
strength vnto the last daye of the next Parliament.

And where also at a parliamente begun and holden at Westmin-  
ster the xxi. daye of October, in the seconde and thirde yeares of the  
reignes of the sayde late king Phillip and Quene Mary, and there  
continued until the dissolution of the same, beinge the ix. daye of De-  
cember then next ensuinge, one act was then and there made for the  
helping of Wilche king, and for the breeding and rearing of calves,  
and one other act for the redifying of decayed houses of husbandry,  
and for the increase of tillage, the sayde two seuerall actes to endure  
till the last daye of the next Parliament, as by the same more at large  
doeth appere. And forasmuch as all and singular the sayde seuerall  
actes aboue mentioned, be good and beneficiall for the common  
wrealth of this Realme.

Be it therfore enacted, ordeyned and established by the Quenes  
mooste excellent Maicstie, with the assent of the Lordes Spiritual  
and Temporal, and the Commons in this presente Parliamente  
assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that all and singu-  
lar the sayde seuerall actes and estatutes aboue mentioned and re-  
hearsed, and euerye of theym, and all clauses, articles, and pro-  
uisions in theym and euerye of theym conteyned, shalbe reuiewed,  
continued, stande, and endure in their full force and strength, to  
all intents, constructions and purposes, and shall bee obserued  
and kepte in all thinges until the laste daye of the nexte Parlia-  
ment.

And

And where in the Parliament begon and holden at Westminster, the .xxi. daie of October, in the second and thirde yeares of the reignes of the sayde late king Philip and Quene Mary, and there continued and kepte vntill the .ix. day of December then next ensuing, one acte was then and there made entituled: An Acte for the reliefe of the poore, and to endure to the latter ende of the fyfte Session of the next Parliament. Forasmuche as the sayde acte is good and beneficiall to the common wealth of this realme: Be it therefore enacted, ordeyned, and established by theauctoritie of this presente Parliament, that the sayde acte last aboue mentioned and rehearsed, and all clauses, articles, and provisions in the same conteyned, shalbe reuyned, continued, stand and indure in full force and strength, to all intents and purposes, and shalbe obserued and kepte in all things vntill the last day of the next Parliament.

AN ACTE of a Subsidie of Tonnage and Pondage.

The .xx. Chapter.



At their most humble wise shewen vnto your moste excellent maiestie, your poore and obedient subiectes and commons in this your present Parliament assembled, that tohere aswell your noble grandfather, of worthy memozy, king Henry the Seuenth, the moste victorious and mightie prince king Henry the Eight your moste deare father, the late Prince of worthy memozy king Edward the first, your most entierlye beloved brother. And oure late Soueraigne Lady Quene Mary, your most deare Sister, as other your right noble and famous progenitours, hinges of this your Realme of England, time out of mind, haue had and enioyed vnto them by auctoritie of parliament, for the defence of the same now your realme, & the keeping and sauegarde of the Seas, for the intercourse of marchandize, safely to come into, & to passe out of the same certeine summes of money, named subsidies, of all maner of goodes and marchandize, coming in or going out of the same your Realme. And forasmuch as we your said poore commons, vndoubtedly & most assuredly do trust & haue sure confidence in your Maiesties good favour & wil towards vs your said poore commons, in & for the keeping and sure defending of the seas, against al persons, intending, or that shall intend the disturbaunce of vs your sayde commons in the intercourse and thimading of this your Realme, to oure molestation inquieting and losse, which at any time cannot be bozne, without the great excesse, and intollerable colles, charges and expences of your Maiestie, which is not (when nede shall require in suche cases) to be lacked at any time. But rather we your sayd commons wisshinge that  
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such furniture of al thinges may be had in redines from time to time when necessitie shall require for the speedy indilayed prouision and helpe for the suppressing of such inconueniencies, disturbances and inuasions, humbly desire your most excellent Maestie, benigneite and fauourably to take, accept, & receiue these our pooze grauntes hereafter ensuing, as graunted of true heartes & good willes, which we beare into your highnes towards your said great costes, charges and expences, which may be expended and laid out by your Maestie for the causes afoze said, when neede shall require, as the fyfte frutes of our good willes and hartes towards your highnesse, although the same do or hereafter shal nothing in effect, counteruaile the same your great charges, no; yet we your saide pooze commons able fully to gratifie your highnes by any meanes, yet neuerthelesse we your sayd pooze commons, by thaduise and consent of the lordes spiritual and tempozall, in this youre presente Parliamente assembled, and by thaucthoritie of the same, to thintente afozesayde, geue and graunt to you our Supreme liege Lady and Soueraigne, one Subsidye called Connage, that is to saye, of euery tonne of wyne comminge, or that shall or is come into this your Realme, by waye of marchandize, the summe of.iii.s. and so after the rate. And of euery tonne of sweete wyne aswell maluesey as other, that shall or is come into the same your Realme, by euery or anye marchaunt alien aswell by the marchauntes of Daunse and Alman, as by any other marchaunt straunger, of what nation soeuer he be.iii. s. And so after the rate ouer and aboue the.iii. s. afoze graunted. And of euery sarme of rennishe wyne, comming, or that shall or is come into this your Realme, by way of marchaundize, by euery or any marchaunte denizen, or alien, of what nation soeuer he be. riid. And also one other Subsidie called Bondage, that is to say, of all maner of goodes and marchaundizes, of euery marchaunt denizen and alien, whatsoeuer he be, caried and to be caried out of this your sayde Realme, or brought or to be brought into the same, by way of marchaundize, of the value of euery. xx. s. of the same goodes and marchaundize. xiiid. and so after the rate. And of euery. xx. s. value of tinne and pewter beffell, caried oute of this youre Realme, by anye and euery marchaunt alien. xiiid. ouer and aboue the. xiiid. afozesaide. Excepte and alwayes soepryled oute of this graunte of Subsidye of Bondage, all maner of wollen Clothe, made or wroughte, or that shalbe made and wroughte within this youre Realme of Englande, and by euery or any marchaunt denizen, and not bozne alien, caried or to be caried out of this your saide Realme. And all maner of wolles, wolleselles, and hides, and backes of leather, also caried or to be caried oute of this youre Realme. And all wynes and all maner of fresh fish, and bestial, comming, or that is or shall come into the same your







Exchequer for the time being, shalbe thoughte requisite and needefull for the sayde marchauntes, theyr exeeutours, or administratours, or their attourney or attourneies, or any of them, or the sayde Collectours, or any of them, to haue for the obtaining aswell of the shipping, as of the allowaunce thereof.

And further, that every marchaunt denizen that shall shippe hereafter any wolles, wolleselles, hides, or any other goodes and marchaundize in any Carriche, or Galley, shall pay to your maiestie during the time aforesaide, all maner of Customes, and all the Subsidies aforesayd, as any alien bozne out of thys your realme.

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**Character of a Subiecte and two Fiftens and Tenth by the Temporallie.**



He care to which we do percyue your  
 Patientie hath, moost noble and re-  
 doubted Souldiers, to induce this  
 Realme, and the imperiall Crowne  
 therof, nowe lately so sore shaken, so  
 impouertised, so enuabled & weake-  
 ned into the former estate, strength,  
 and gloire, doeth make vs not onely  
 to reioyce much in the great bounte-  
 outnesse of almighty GOD, who  
 hath so merueylously, and beyond al  
 worldly expectation preserved your  
 Maiestie, in these late difficulte and  
 dangerous times. But also to studie and bende all our wittes and  
 force of vnderstandinge, howe we maye like louinge and obedient  
 subiectes solotue our head, in this so noble and so necessary an enter-  
 prise. And consideringe with our selues, that the decaye hath bene,  
 besides many other thinges, especially in these thre. First wast-  
 ing of Treasure, Abandoning of strength, and in diminishing of the au-  
 cient authoritie of your Imperiall Crowne.  
 We do moost earnestly and saythfully promise to your highnes,  
 that there shall lacke no good will, trauaile, nor force on our behalfe,  
 to the redresse of al this. But we shalbe redy, with hart, will, strength,  
 bodie, liues and goodes, not onely to recouer agayne that which  
 is thus diminished, but if neede be to recouer further, (as farre as  
 right, and the will and pleasure of God shall suffer) the olde dignitie  
 and renouene of this Realme. The time and place wherof doeth not  
 rest in vs, but as moost reason is, in your moost noble Maiestie,  
 with the aduise of your honorable Counsaile. Neuerthelesse sence it  
 doeth so manifestly appeare to vs all, what inestimable wastinge and  
 consumption of the treasure and auncient reuenues of this Realme  
 hath bene of late daies, and what great newe charges, and intol-  
 lerable expences your highnes is forced nowe to susteyne, by reason  
 of the decay and losse of percell of your auncient Crowne. So being  
 not ignozant, that no worthy enterpryse, no noble attempt, no not  
 so much as the preservation of a strong and puissaunt estate, may be  
 without some masse of Treasure, presently to be hadde, and ready  
 against all occurrentes,



Therefore we your most obedient and loving subiectes, the lordes spiritual and tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, to the we our willing heartes, and good mindes vpon mature consultation had, haue condiscended and agreed with one voice and most entier assentions, to make your highnes at this time a present, not such in dede as in our affections we do wishe it, and as we knowe most certaine thought to be. But yet of your accustomed clemencie which you do shewe to al men, we humble on our knees pray your highnes not to reiect it, but to accept our good willes and hartie desires herein, and that this our smal gifte may be by your highnes, the lordes spiritual and tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same enacted. And be it enacted, that your highnes towardes the saide great costes and insupportable charges, whiche haue by auctoritie of this present parliament two whole fiftenes and tenthes, to be payde, taken, and leuied of the moost able goodes, cattels, and other thinges vsuall to such shires and tenthes, to be contributozie and chargeable with in the shires, Cities, Burghes, Townes, and other places of this your maiesties realme in maner and forme afore time vled. Except the summe of twelue thousand poundes therof, fully to be deducted, that is to say, vi. M. poundes of either of the saide whole fiftenes and tenthes, of the summe that one whole fiftene and tenth attaineth vnto, in reliefe, comfort and discharge of the poore Townes, cities, and Burghes of this your said Realme, wasted, desolate, and destroyed or ouer greatly empouerished, after such rate as was and hath afore this time bene had and made to euery shire, and to be deuided in such maner and forme as heretofore for one whole fiftene and tenth hath bene had and deuided. And the said two whole fiftenes and tenthes (the receipts and deductions aforesaide, thereby you had deducted and allowed) to be payde in maner and forme following: that is to saye, the first whole fiftene and tenth, except before excepted, to be payde to your highnes in the receipt of your highnes Exchequer, before the tenth day of Nouember next comming. And the said seconde fiftene and tenth, except before excepted, to be payde to your highnes in the receipt of your Exchequer before the tenth day of Nouember, in the yere of our Lorde God. M. D. ix.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the knightes elected and returned of, & for the shires within this realme for this present parliament, citizens of cities, & burgeses of burroughs and townes, where collectours haue ben vsed to be named & appointed for the collection of any fiftene & tenth, before this time graunted, shall name and appoint verely before the laste daye of August, in euery of the said. ii. yeres, sufficient and able persons for the collection of

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of the said fifteenes and Tenthes in euery of the said Shires, cities, boroughes and townes, the said persons then hauing Lands, Tenementes, and other hereditamentes, in his or their owne right of an estate of inheritance of the yerely value of .x. poundes, or in goodes worth a hundreth pound at the least. And also suche person or persons so by them to be named and appointed for the collection of either of the said fifteenes and Tenthes, shalbe by them severally appointed and allotted into Hundreths, Rapes, wapentakes, Cities, Boroughes, and townes. And also the said persons so named and appointed for the collection of the same fifteenes and Tenthes, shalbe charged and chargeable vpon his or their accompt or accompts in the chequer to be made, with al such summe or summes of money, as the Hundrethes, Rapes, wapentakes, Cities, Boroughes, and Townes, where he or they shal so happen to be appointed, amount vnto, & of no more summe or summes. And vpon the payment of such sums of money as he or they shal be charged with, shalbe discharged and haue his and their Quietus est, the non accompting or non payment of any other his felldwes, or thin sufficient of them or anye of them notwithstanding. And the names and surnames of euery the said Collectours for the said fifteenes and Tenthes, during either of the said two yeres together with the place allotted to their collection and charge, the said knightes, citizens and Burgeses for the Shires, cities and boroughes, wher vnto they be elected, named, and returned, shal certifie before the Quene in her Chauncerie before the .xiii. daye of October, in euery of the same two yeres, according to the tenor of this act. And if the default of any such certifying be had or made in forme as is aforesaide, then the lord Chauncellour of England or keeper of the great Seale for the time being: shal immediately after, name and appoint collectours for the collection of eyther of the said fifteenes and Tenthes in maner and forme as the said knightes of the Shyre, citizens of Cities, and Burgeses of Boroughes shoud haue done and as aforesaid haue ben vsed. The which said collectours and euery of them shal haue like allowance vpon their accomptes for their fees, wages and rewardes for the collection of the saide fifteenes and Tenthes, in as large maner and sournie as any Collectour or Collectours of fifteenes and Tenth, haue had at any season in tyme past. And that the Barons of the Quenes Exchequer for the time being, shal and may from time to time a ward such proces for the speedy payment therof against the Collectour and Collectours for the same, as by their discretions shal be thought conuenient.

Provided alwaie and be it enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that the saide Lorde Chauncellour or keeper of the great Seale for the time being, knightes of the Shires, Citizens of Cities, and Burgeses of Boroughes, Townes and other pla-

ces having auctoritie by this present act, to name & nominat the said Collectours, of or for the said ffiftenes and Tenthes, shall vpon their nomination and election had and made, take by auctoritie of this present parliament, sufficient recognisaunces or by obligation of euery person so by them to be named to be bound to the Quenes maiestie in the double summe of the summe of their collection, and to be indorsed vpon such condition, that if the said Collectour or Collectours do truly content & pay to the vse of the Quenes highnes, in her receipt of the eschequer, befoze the .x. day of Nouember, in euery of the said two yerres so much of the summe of money allotted and appointed to his collection as the same collectour shall haue collected & gathered, and do likewise after the said .x. day of the moneth of Nouember, in euery of the said two yerres, content and pay to the Quenes maiesties vse at the same receipt, the residue of his collection & charge within one moneth next after such time as he shall haue gathered & collected the same residue. That then the said recognisaunce or obligation to be void, or els to stand in his full strength and vertu, which recognisaunce or obligation so taken, the said knightes of the Shire, Citizens & Burgeses and euery of them, taking any such recognisances or obligation shall certifie and deliuer to the Lord Treasurer, & Barons of the same Eschequer, befoze the same tenth day of Nouember in euery of the said yerres, vpon paine of forfeiture of .x. pound to the Quenes highnes for euery recognisaunce or obligation so to be taken and not certified. And that euery such collectour vpon request to him made, shall make and knowledege the same recognisaunce or obligation accordingly vpon like paine and forfeiture of .x. pound to the Quene for his refusall therof. And the Treasurer or Barons of the Eschequer, vpon the paiement of the same collection, or at the said daies, shall cancell and deliuer the said recognisaunce or obligation to the said collectour or collectours without any fee or reward to be paid to any person for the same.

And furthermore for the great and weightie considerations aforesaide. We the Lordes Spirituall and Temporal, and the Commons of this present Parliament assembled, do by your lyke assente and auctoritie of this Parliament, geue and graunt to your highnes our said Soueraigne Lady the Quenes Maiestie, your Heires and Successours one entier Subsidie to be rated, taxed, leuied and paid at two seueral paiementes of euery person, Spiritual and temporal, of what estate or degree he or they be, according to the tenour of this Act in maner and forme folowing, that is to say aswell of euery person borne within this Realme of England, Wales, or other the Quenes Dominions, as of all and euery fraternitie, Gilde, Corporation, Mistrie, Brotherheade, and Communitie, corporated or not corporated within this realme of England, Wales, or other the Quenes Dominions being worth five poundes, for euery pound, aswell in copie  
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and the value of every pound that every such person, fraternitie, guild corporation, misterie, brotherhead, communitie, corporate, or not corporate, hath of his or their owne or any other to his or their use, as also plate, stocke of marchaundises, al maner of corne and blades, household stuffe, & of all other goodes moveable, as well within the realme as without, and of all such summes of money as to him or them is, or shalbe owing wherof he or they truste in his or their conscience surely to be payde (except and out of the premises deducted such summes of money as he or they owe, and in his or their consciences intendeth truly to paye, and except also the apparell of such persons, their wives and children belonging to their owne bodies (saviing Jewels, golde, sylver, stone, and pearle) shall pay to and for the first payment of the said Subsidie .xx. d. of every pound, and to and for the second payment of the said Subsidie .xii. d. of every pound. And also every alien & stranger borne out of the Quenes obeisance, as well denizen as others, inhabiting within this realme, of every pound that he or they have in corne, and the value of every pound in plate, corne, graine, marchaundises, household stuffe, or other goods, Jewels, cattois, moveable or immoveable, as is aforesaid, as well within this realme as without, and of all summes of money to him or them owing, wherof he or they trust in his or their consciences to be paid (excepte and of the same premises deducted, every such summe or summes of money, which he or they doo owe, and in his or their conscience or consciences entende truly to paye (shall pay of and for every pound, to and for the first payment of the said Subsidie .iii. s. .iiii. d. and to and for the seconde payment of the said Subsidie .ii. s. of every pound. And also that every alien and stranger, borne out of the Quenes dominions, being denizen or not denizen, not being contributoie to any the rates abovesaide, shall pay to and for the first payment of the said Subsidie .iiii. d. and to and for the second payment of the said Subsidie other .iiii. d. for every pol. And the maister, or he or she with whom the same alien is, or shalbe abiding at the tyme of the taration or tarations thereof, to be charged with the same for lacke of payment therof.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that every person borne vnder the Quenes obeisance, and every corporation, fraternitie, guild, misterie, brotherhead, and communitie, corporate or not corporate, for every pound that every of the same person, and every corporation, fraternitie, guild, misterie, brotherhead, and communitie, Corporate or not corporate, or any other to his or their use hath in fee simple, fee taylor, for terme of life, terme of yeeres, by execution, wardeship, or by copie of court roll, of, and in any honours, Castels, Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, services, hereditamentes, annuities, fees, corodies, or other perely profittes, of the perely value of .xx. s. as well within auncient demeane and other places privileged,

Whiche whome, and for by whom, shall paye to and for the fyfth pay-  
ment of the saide Subsidie two Willinges eight pence, of and for  
euery pound, and to and for the second payment of the said Subsidie,  
xvi. d. of and for euery pound. And euery which cometh out of the goods  
obeysaunce, in such case, to paye at the fyfth of the said paymentes,  
to. s. iiii. d. of euery pound, and at the second payment, to. s. viii. d. of and  
for euery pound. And that all summes presented and chargeable by  
this acte either for goodes, and debtes, or either of them, or for landes  
and tenementes, and other the premises as is in this acte conceyued,  
shalbe at either of the sayde paymentes, set and taxed after the rate  
and portion, according to the true meaning of this acte (landes and  
tenementes, chargeable to the bismeg of the clargie, and perely wages  
due to seruantes for their perely service, other then the Quenes ser-  
uantes, taking perely wages of fyue poundes or aboue, onely excepted  
and forpysed.) And thair al plate, coyne, iewels, goods, debtes, and  
cattels personalles, beyng in the rule and custodie of any person and  
persons, to thuse of any copporation, fraternitie, guilde, millerie, byd-  
therhead, or any communalitie being copporate or not copporate, be and  
shalbe rated, sette, and charged by reason of this acte, as the value cer-  
tified by the presenters of that certificate to be sworne of euery pound  
in goodes and debtes, as is aboue saide. And of euery pounde of lan-  
des, tenementes, annuities, fees, corrodies, or other perely profittes,  
as is aboue saide. And the summes that are before rehearsed, set & taxed  
to be leuied and taken of them that shall haue such goodes in custodie  
or otherwise charged for landes as is before rehearsed. And the same  
person or persons, and body copporate, by auctoritie of this acte shalbe  
discharged against him or the that shal or ought to haue & same, at the  
time of the payment or deliuey therof, or at his other wise departure  
from the custodie or possessiō of the same. Except, and alwaies forpysed  
fro the charge & assessement of this subsidie al goodes, cattels, iewels, &  
ornamentes of churches & chappels, which haue bene ordeined & bled  
in churches or chappels, for the honoꝝ and seruice of almighty God.

And the fyfth payment of the said subsidie shalbe by the auctoritie  
aforesaid, taxed, assessed, and rated according to this acte, in euery  
wyze, ryding, lath, wapentake, rape, citie, borough, towne, and euery  
other place within this Realme of England, and Wales, and other  
the Quenes dominions, before the laste day of Aprill next comming.  
And the second payment of the said subsidie, shal be by thaurthoritie  
aforesaid, taxed, assessed, and rated before the .xx. day of January next  
comming. And the particuler summes of euery wyze, riding, borough,  
towne, and other places aforesaid, with the particuler names of such  
as are chargeable to and to the fyfth payment of the said Subsidie, to  
be taxed and set by the commissioners to the same limited, or two of  
them at the least with the names of the highe collectours, and in the  
same

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same forme shall be certified into the quenes Exchequer, before the last day of May next coming: And the particuler summes of every shire, riding, borough, towne, and other places aforesaid, with the particuler names of such as are chargeable for and to the second payment of the said subsidy, to be taxed and set by commissioners to the same to be limited, or two of them at the least, with the names of the hight collectors, and in the same forme shall be certified into the quenes Exchequer before the xx. day of February, which shall be in the year of our Lord God. M. D. lxx. And the said summes in manner & forme aforesaid, to be taxed for the first payment of the said subsidy, shall be paid into the quenes exchequer of her Exchequer aforesaid, to the use of our said sovereign Lady, before the xxiii. day of June next coming, and the said summes in manner & forme aforesaid, to be taxed for the second payment of the said subsidy, shall be paid into the receipt aforesaid to the use aforesaid, before the first day of Marche, which shall be in the year of our Lord god. M. D. lxx. And the summe abovesaid, of and for the said subsidy, shall be taxed, set, and demanded, take gathered, leuied, and paid to those of our said sovereign Lady, her heires and successours, in forme abovesaid, as well within the liberties, franchises, sanctuaries, auncient demesne & other whatsoeuer place exempte or not exempte, as without. Excepte suche Wynter places, and personnes as shall be excepted in and by this present act, any graunt, charter, prescription, use, or libertie, by reason of any letters patentes or other priuiledge, prescription, allowance of & same, or whatsoever other matter of discharge heretofore to the contrary made, graunted, used, or obtained notwithstanding.

And it is further enacted by the authority of this present parliament, that every such person, as well such as be borne vnder the quenes obedience, as every other person straunger borne, denizen or not denizen, inhabiting within this Realme or within Wales, or other the quenes dominions, which at the time of the said assessments or taxations, or of either of the, to be had or made, shall be out of this Realme & out of Wales, and haue goodes, or Cattels, landes, or tenementes, fees, or annuities, or other profittes within this Realme, or in Wales shall be charged and chargeable for the same, by the certificate of the inhabitants, or the parties where such goods, cattels, Landes, tenementes, or other the premises, then shall be, or in suche other place where such person, or his factor, deputy or attorney, shall haue his most resort vnto within this realme, or in Wales, in like manner as if the said person were, or had ben at the time of the said assessing within this realme. And every person abiding or dwelling within this realme, or without this realme, shall be charged or chargeable to the same subsidy graunted by this acte, according and after the rate of suche yearly allowance

allowance



staunce, or value of landes & tenementes, goodes, cattels, and other the premises, as euerye person so to be charged shall be set at, in the time of the sayde assessing or taration bypon him to be made, and in none otherwise.

And further be it enacted by thauenthoritie aforesaide, that for the assessing & ordering of the said subsidie to be duely had, the lord Chauncellour of England, or his keeper of the great seale, the lord Treasurer of England, the Lord Steward of the Quenes Maiesties household, the lord president of the Quenes honorable counsaile, & the lord pryuyee Seale for the time being, or two of them at the least, whereof the lord Chauncellour of England, or keeper of the great Seale for the time being to be one, shal and may name & appointe, of & for euery shire & riding, & other places, as wel within this Realme, as in Wales, & other the Quenes dominions, & also of, & for euery Citie & towne, being a countie in it selfe, and of, and for the Isle of Wight, suche certayne number of persons of euery of the same shires, Ridinges, Lathes, wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes, and Isle of Wight, and euerye other place, and other thinhabitauntes of the same, to be Commissioners of and within the same whereof they be inhabitauntes. And also of, and for the honorable household of the Quenes Maiestie, in what shire or other places the sayd household shal happen then to be. And the Lord Chauncellour, or keeper of the great Seale, and other with him before named, in like maner may name and appointe of euery other suche Borowgh and Towne corporate, aswell in England as in Wales, & other the Quenes dominions, as they shal thinke requisite. bi. b. iiii. iii. or. ii. of the best officers, and other sad honest inhabitauntes of euery of the saide cities, borowghes, & townes corporate according to the number & multitude of the people being in the same, the which persons, if any such be thereunto named, of the said inhabitauntes of the said borowghes & townes corporate, not being countie in the selues, shalbe ioyned and put in as commissioners, with & persons named for such shires and ridinges, as the said Borowghes and townes corporate, not being countie in them selues, be set and haue their being, which persons so named for & of the said borowghes & townes corporate, not being countie by reason of their dwelling in the same, shal not take vpon the, ne none of the, to put any part of their commission in executiō, for the premises out of the said borowghes & townes corporate, wherein they being so named, onely for the same be dwelling. And also not to execute the said commission within the borowgh or towne corporate, wher they be so dwelling but at such dayes & times as the said other commissioners, for the same shire, & riding shal thereunto limit and appoint within the same Borowgh, or Towne Corporate, not being Countie corporate, whereof they so be, and not out of such Borowgh or Towne, and in that maner to be ayding and assisting

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assisting with the sayd other Commissioners, in and for the good ere-  
 cting of the effect of the sayd Commission, byon payne of euery of the  
 sayde Commissioners, so named for euery suche Citie, Borough, and  
 Towne corporate not being a countie, to make such fyne, as the sayd  
 other Commissioners in the Commission of, and for the sayde Shyre,  
 or Ridinge so named, or three of them at the least, shal by their discre-  
 tions set and certifie into the Quenes Exchequer, there to be leuied  
 to the vse of the quenes Maiestie, in like maner as such or like sumes  
 had bene set and rated byon euery such person for the sayd Subsidy.  
 The which Commissioners so named of, and for the sayd Cities, Bo-  
 roughes and Townes, not being Countie, and onely put in the said  
 Commission, by reason of their dwelling in the same, shal not haue a-  
 ny parte of the portion of the fees and rewardes of the Commis-  
 sioners, and their Clarke, in this acte afterwarde specified. And the  
 Lord Chauncellour of Englande, or keeper of the great Seale, for  
 the tyme beinge, shal make and directe out of the Court of Chaunce-  
 ry, vnder the great Seale, severall Commissions, that is to say. To  
 euery Shyre, Ridinge, Lath, wapentake, Rape, Citie, Towne, Bo-  
 rough, Ile and householde, unto suche person and personnes, as by  
 his discretion and other with him also named and appointed, in like  
 maner and fourme as is also rehearsed, shalbe thought sufficient for  
 the setting and leuying of the said Subsidy, in al Shires and places  
 accordinge to the true meaninge of this acte, which Commission, for  
 the first payment of the sayde Subsidy, shalbe directed and deliue-  
 red to the sayde Commissioners, or to one of them, before the first daye  
 of Aprill nexte comminge. And the Commission for the seconde pay-  
 ment of the sayd Subsidy, shalbe directed and deliuered to the said  
 commissioners or one of them, before the first day of Januarie, whi-  
 che shalbe in the yere of our Lord God, thousande, five hundred,  
 fiftie and nine. And to euery of the sayd commissions, ten seales co-  
 ueyning in them the tenor of this acte shalbe affixed. By which com-  
 mission the commissioners in euery such commission named according  
 to this acte, and as many of them as shalbe appointed by the said co-  
 mission, shal haue full power and auctorite, to put the effect of the same  
 commission in execution. And that by auctorite of this acte, after such  
 commissions to them directed, they may by their assentes and agre-  
 mentes seuer them selues for the execution of their commission, in hu-  
 dres, Lathes, wapentakes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, Parishes,  
 and other places, within the limits of their sayd commission, in such  
 forme as to them shal seme expedient to be ordered, and betwene them  
 to be communed and agreed, according to the tenor and effect of the  
 commission to them therein directed, upon which seueralnes euery  
 person of this present Parliament, that shalbe commissioner, shalbe  
 assigned in the hundred wher he dwelleth the

provided

Whoulded alwaies, that no personne, be or shalbe compelled to be  
 anye Commissioner, to and for the execution of this p[re]sent Acte, but  
 onely in the Shire, where he dwelleth and inhabiteth. And that any  
 person being assigned to the contrarye thereof, in any wyse shal not  
 be compelled to put in execution the effecte of this acte, or anye parte  
 therof. And it is also enacted by the auctoritie of this p[re]sent Parlia-  
 ment, that the Commissioners and euery of them, which shal be named  
 limited and appointed accordinge to this act, to be Commissioners  
 in euery such Shire, Riding, Lath, wapentake, Rape, City, towne,  
 Boroughe, Isle, and the sayde Householde, or anye other place, and  
 none other, shal truly, effectuallye, and diligently for their part, ex-  
 ecute the effect of this p[re]sent acte, accordinge to the tenore therof in  
 euerye behalfe, and none otherwise by anye other meanes, withoute  
 omission, fauoure, dread, malice, or any other thing to be attempted  
 and done by them, or anye of them to the contrarye thereof. And the  
 sayde Commissioners and as many of them as shalbe appointed by the  
 sayde Commission, and none other, for the execution of the said Com-  
 mission and acte, shal for the taration of the sayde fyfte payment of  
 the said Subsidye, before the first day of Aprill nexte comming.  
 And for the taration of the sayde seconde payment of the said Sub-  
 sidye, shal before the first day of Januarye, which shalbe in the yea[re]  
 of our Lord God a thousand, fye hundred, fiftie and nine, by vertue  
 of the Commissions, deliuered vnto them in forme abovesaid, directe  
 their seuerall or ioint precept vnto. liii. vii. vi. b. iii. or thre or mo, as  
 for the number of inhabitants, shalbe requisite of the moste sub-  
 stanciall, discrete and honest persons, inhabitantes, to be named by  
 the sayd Commissioners, or by as many of them as shal be appointed  
 by the said Commission of, and in Hundredes, Lathes, Rapes, wapen-  
 takes, Wardes, parishes, Townes, and other places, as well within  
 Liberties, fraunchises, aunciente demeanes, places exempted, and  
 Saintuaries as without. within the limits of the Shires, Ridings,  
 Lathes, wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes, Borougges, or Isle  
 aforesaid, and other places within the limites of their Commission;  
 and to the Constables, Subconstables, Bailiffes, and other the offi-  
 cers or ministers of euery of the said Hundredes, Townes, wardes,  
 Lathes, wapentakes, parishes & other places before said, as to the  
 Commissioners, and such number of them, or vnto fye or two of the  
 by their discretio in diuision shal seeme expedient, as by the maner and  
 use of the parties shalbe requisite, faithfully by the same precept, cha-  
 ging and committunding the same inhabitants, Constables & other  
 officers aforesaid, to vhoyn such precept shalbe so directed to appeare  
 in their proper persons, before the said Commissioners or such number of the,  
 as they shalbe vnder the seales according to the tenor of the said commissio[n]  
 at certain daies & places by the said Commissioners or any number of the  
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as is afore said, within Cities, Boroughes, or to townes corporate, or without, in any other place as is afore said, by their discretions shall be limited the same, to do and accomplish all that to them on the parties of the Quenes maiestie shall be comained touching this acte. Comaunding further by the same precept that he to whose handes such precept shall come, shall the same deliver the same to the other inhabitants or officers named in the said precept; and that none of them fail to accomplish the same, upon paine of xli s. to be forfeited to the Quenes Maiestie.

And it is further ordeined by the authoritie of this present parliament, that the sayde day and place preferred and limited in the said precept euery of the commissioners then being in the shyre and having no sufficient excuse for his absence at the day and place preferred for that part wherunto he was limited, shall appear in his proper person, and there the same commissioners bring with him, or as many as shall be appointed by the quenes maiesties commission, shall call or cause to be called before them the sayde inhabitants and officers to whom they haue directed their said precepts, and whiche had in commaundment there to appeare by the said precept of the sayde commissioners, and if any person so warned make default, but les he then be letted by sickness or labofull excuse, and that les then be witnesed by the othes of two credible persons, or if anye appearing refuse to be swoorne in fourne following, to forfeite to the quenes maiestie fortye Shillings. And so at euery tyme appointed by the sayde commissioners for the same taxation, vnto the tyme the number of euery such persons haue appeared and certified in fourne orders witten, and euery of the same making default, or refusing to be swoorne, to forfeite to the quenes maiestie xli s. and vpon the same appearaunce had, one of the most substantiall inhabitants or officers being warned, and appearing before the said commissioners, shall be swoorne vpon a booke openly before the commissioners in forme following.

I shall truely enquire with my felowes that shall be charged with me of the Hundred, wapentake, ward, Towne or other place of the best and most value of the substance of euery person dwelling and abiding within the limites of the places that I and my felowes shall be charged with, and of other whiche shall haue his or their moore refoze vnto any of the said places, and chargeable with any summe of money by this acte of this Subsidie, and of all other articles that I shall be charged with touching the said acte; and accordinge to the intent of the same, and there vpon as nere as it maye be, or shall come to my knowledge, truly to present and certifie before you, thenaires surnames, and the best and bittermost substance, and values of euery of them, as wel of landes, tenementes, and other hereditaments, possessions

possessions and profitcs, as of goodcs, Cattelles, debtes, and other thingcs chargeable by the said Acte, without any concealment, loue, fauor, affection, dreade, feare or malice, as nere as God will geue me grace, so helpe me God and the holy contentcs of this booke. And euery other person that shall appere there by the same preceptes, from time to time, shall make like othe, and vpon the othe so taken as is aforesayde, by the inhabitants and officers of euery Hundredes, ward, wapentake, Towne, or other place, the sayd Commissioners shall openly there rede or cause to be red vnto them, the said rates, and openly declare the effecte of their charge vnto the, in what maner and forme, they ought and should make their certificate, accordinge to the rates and Summes thereof abovesayde. And of al maner of persons, aswell of Aliens, and Strangers, Denizens of not Denizens, inhabiting within this Realme, as of such persons as be borne vnder the Quenes obeyssaunce, chargeable to this Acte. And of the possessions, goodcs, and Cattels, of fraternities, Guildes, Corporations, Brotherheades, misteries, and comminalties, and other as is abovesayde. And of personnes being in the parties of beyond the Seas, hauing goods or Cattelles, Landes or Tenementes, within this Realme, as is aforesayde. And of al goodcs, being in the custody of any person or persons, to the vse of any other as is abovesayde, by the which information and shewing the said persons, should haue such plaine knowledge of the true intent of this presente Acte, and of the maner of their certificate, that the same persons shall haue no reasonable cause to excuse them by Ignorance, and after such othe, and the Statute of the said Subsidy, and the maner of the said certificate, to be made in writing, containing the names and surnames of euery person, and whether he be borne without the Quenes obeyssaunce or within, and the best value of euery person, in euery degree, aswell of yearly value of Landes and Tenementes, and of such like possessions and profitcs, as the value of goodcs and Cattels, debtes, and euery thing to their certificate, requisite and necessary to them declared, the said commissioners, ther being, shall by their discretions appointe and limitt vnto the sayd persons, another day and place to appere before the said Commissioners, and charginge the sayd persons that they in the meane tyme shall make diligente inqwyre by all wayes and meanes of the premises, and then, and there euery of them, vpon paine of forfeiture of sovereyn Willinges to the Quenes Maiesty, to appere at the sayd nexte prescribed day and place, there to certifye vnto the said Commissioners, in writinge, accordinge to their sayd charge, and according to the true entent of the said graunte of Subsidy, and as to them in maner aforesaid, hath bene declared and shewed by the Commissioners, at whiche daye and place so to them

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then presented, if any of the said persons make default, or appeare and refuse to make the said certificate, that then every of them so offending, to forfeit to the Quenes Maiesie fortye shillings, except onely a reasonable excuse of his default; by reason of sickness or otherwise by the othes of two credible persons, there witnessed be had. And of such as appeare ready to make certificate as is aforesaid, the said commissioners there beyng, shall take and receaue the same certificate, and euery part thereof, and the names, values and substance of euery person so certified, and if the same Commissioners, see cause reasonable, they shall examine the said presenters thereof. And thereupon the said Commissioners, at the said daies and place by their agreement amonges themselves, shall from time to time, openly there presyre a day, at a certeine place or places, within the limittes of their commission, by their discretion, for their further proceedinge to the said assessinge of the same Subsidie, and thereupon at the sayde daye of the said certificate, as is aforesaid taken, the same Commissioners shall make their precept or precepts to the Constables, Subconstables, Bayliffes, or other officers of suche Hundreedes, wapentakes, Townes, or other places aforesaid, as the same Commissioners shalbe of, comprising and concerning in the same precept, the names and surnames of all persons presented befoze them in the said certificate, of whom if the said Commissioners, or as many of them as shall be thereto appointed by the Quenes Commission, shall then haue becomente suspecte to be of more greater value or substance in landes, goodes, cattelles, or summes of money owing to them, or other substance befozesaid, then upon suche person or persons shall be certified, the same Commissioners shall make their precepte or preceptes, directed to the Constable, Bayliffes, or other officers, commaunding the same Constable, Bayliffes, or other officers, to whom suche precept shalbe directed, to waite such persons whose names shalbe comprised in the said precept, at their mansions, or to their persons, that the same persons named in such preceptes, and euery of them, shall personally appeare befoze the said Commissioners, at the same ntwie prefixed day & place there to be examined by all waies and meanes (other then by corporall othe) by the said Commissioners, of their greatest substance and best value, and of all and euery summes of money owing to them and other whatsoeuer matter concerninge the premises, of any of them, according to this acte, at which day and place so prefixed, the said Commissioners then and there beyng, or as many of them as shalbe thereto appointed by the Quenes Commission, shall cause to be called the said persons, whose names shalbe comprised in the

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saide precept, as is beforesaide, for their examination. And yf any of those persons which shoulde be warned, as is beforesaide, to be examined, whiche at anye tyme after the warninge, and befoze the prefixed daye, shalbe within suche place, tohere he maye haue knowledge of his said appearaunce to be made, make default, and appeare not, onlesse a reasonable cause, or elles a reasonable excuse, by the othes of two credible persons; befoze the saide Commissioners, be truly alleaged for his discharge: that then euerye of them so making default, to be tared and charged to the Quenes Maiestie, with and at the double summes of the rate that he shoulde or ought to haue bene set at, for and after the best value of his land or substaunce, vpon him certified, yf he had appeared, by the discretion of the Commissioners there beyng, whiche Commissioners shall trauell with euery of the other persons so then and there appearing, whose names shalbe expessed in the said precept or preceptes, and in whom any vehement suspect was or shalbe had in fourme abouesaide, by all suche waies and meanes they can, other then by Coppozall othe, for theyr better knowledge of their beste value, eyther in hereditamentes or possessions, eyther els in goodes or debtes.

**A**nd that euery spiritual person, at eyther of the saide tarations of the sayd Subledie, shalbe rated and set according to the rate abouesaide, of, and for euery pound that the same spiritual person or any other to his vse hath by descent, bargayne, or purchase, in fee simple, fee taylor, terme of lyfe, terme of yeares, by execution, by ward or by coppe of court roll, in any Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, Seruices, offices, fees, Corrodies, Annuities, or hereditamentes, after the true, iuste, and verely value therof, after and according as other the Quenes Maiesties subiectes borne within this Realme, be charged in fourme aboue remembred, so that it extendeth to the verely value of twenty shillings, or aboue.

**A**nd yf any person certified or rated by vertue of this Acte, be he Commissioner or other, to any maner of value, doeth synde him selfe grieved with the same presentmente, sellinge or tarynge, and thereupon complayne to the commissioners, befoze whom he shall be rated, sold, or tared, or befoze two of them: That then the saide Commissioners shall by all waies and meanes, examine particularly and distinctly the person so complayning, and other his neighbours by their discretion, of euery his landes and tenementes as haue specified, and of euery his goodes, cattelles, and debtes aboue mentioned, and after due examination and perfecte knowledge thereof had and perceyued by the saide Commissioners, whiche shall haue power by thauthozitie aforesaide: the saide Commissioners, or two of them, to whom any suche complaynt shalbe made, by their dis-

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discretions, vpon the othe of the saide person so complayning, may abate, defaulte, encrease, or enlarge the same assessment, according as it shall appeare vnto them iust, vpon the same examination. And the same summe so abated, defaulted, encreased or enlarged, to be estreated in forme as hereafter ensueeth. So that he come before the estreates of the same assessing, be deliuered by the same Commissioners, into the Quenes Maiesties Eschequer. And if it be proued by witnes, his owne confession, or other lawfull waies or meanes, within a yere after any suche othe made, that the same person so taxed and sworne was of any better or greater value in landes, goodes, or other thinges aboue specified, at the time of his saide othe, then the same person so sworne did declare vpon his said othe. That then euery such person so offending, shall loose and forfeik to the Quenes Maiestie, so much in lawfull money of Englands, as the same person so sworne was sette at or taxed to pay, and all persons, set, rated and taxed as is aforesaid, shall be bound and charged by the same, and the summe or summes vpon him set, to be due towardes the payment of the said Subsidie, and to be leuied as hereafter shall be specified.

And also it is enacted by the same authoritie, that euery person to be rated at the said taxation, as is aforesaid, shall be rated, taxed, and set, and the summe on him set, to be leuied at such place where he and his family, at the time of the same presentment to be made, shall kepe his house or dwelling, or where he then shall moost conuersant, abyding or resaunt, or shall haue his most resort, and shall be best knownen at the time of the saide certificate to be made, and no where els, and that no Commissioner of this Subsidie, shall be rated or taxed for his goodes, or landes, but in the wyse and other place where he shall be Commissioner, and that yf any person chargeable to this act, at the time of the same assessing, happen to be out of this Realme, and out of Wales, or farre from the place where he shall be knownen, then he to be set where he was last abiding in this Realme, or within Wales, and best knownen, and after the substance and value, and other profittes of euery person, knownen by the examination, certificate, and other maner of wise as is aforesaid. The sayde Commissioners or as manye of them as shall be appoynted by the Quenes Maiesties Commission, shall after the rate aforesaid, set and take euery person according to the rate of the substance and value of his landes, goodes, and other profittes, wherby the greatest and most best summe, according to his most substance, by reason of this Act, might or may be set or taxed.

Provided alwaies that euery suche person, whiche shall be sette or taxed for payments of and to this Subsidie, for and after the perry value of his Landes, Tenementes, and other reall possessions

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or profits, at any of the said tarations, shall not be set and taxed for his goodes and cattelles, or other moueable substance, at the same tarations. And that he that shall be charged or taxed for the same Subsidie, for his goodes, Cattelles, and other moueables, at any of the saide tarations, shall not be charged, taxed, or chargeable for his landes, or other reall possessions, and profits abouesaide, at the same tarations, nor that any person be double charged for the saide Subsidie, neyther set or taxed at seuerall places by reason of this act, any thing conteyned in this present act notwithstanding.

And that it be ordeyned by the saide aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that no person hauing two mansions, or two places to resort vnto, or calling him selfe household seruaunte, or wayting seruaunt to the Queenes Maiestie, or other Lorde or Lady, maister or maistres, be excused vpon his saying, from the taxes of the sayde Subsidie, in neither of the places where he may be set, onles he bring a certificate in writing from the commissioners, where that he is so set in dede at one place. And if any person that ought to be set by reason of his remouing or resortinge to two places, or by reason of his saying that he els where was taxed, or by reason of any priuiledge by his dwelling or abyding in any place, not beyng forpyssed in this acte, or otherwise by his couin or crafte, happen to escape from the saide tarations, and be not set, and that proued by presentment, examination, or information, before the saide Commissioners, or as many of them as shall be by the same commission appoynted, or by the Barons of the Queenes Maiesties Eschequer, or two Iustices of the peace, of the Countie where suche person dwelleth, then euery suche person, that by suche meanes or otherwise willingly by couyn shall happen to escape from the saide Taration or payment aforesaide, and not be rated, taxed and set: shall be charged vpon the knowledge and profe therof, with and at the double value, that he shuld or ought to haue bene set at afoze, according to his behauour. The same double value to be leuied, gathered, and payde of his goodes and Cattelles, Landes, and Tenementes, towards the said Subsidie. And further to be punished according to the discrecions of the Barons, Iustices, and Commissioners, before whom he shall be conuicted for his offence and deceit in that behalfe.

And further be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaide, that the sayde Commissioners of euery Commission, shall according to their diuisions, and after they be deuided haue full power and aucthoritie by this acte, to sette, taxe, and lesse euery other Commissioner, ioynted with them in euery suche Commission and dyuysyon. And shall also assesse euery assessor, within their  

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diuision, for his and their goods, landes, and other the premises, as is  
 abovesaid. By the which said Commission, the saide Commissioners  
 shall indifferently set, tare, and asseſſe them ſeuers, and the sayd asseſ-  
 ſors. And that aswell the ſummes byon euery of the saide Commiſſio-  
 ners and asseſſours so ſelled, rated & tared, as the ſummes made and  
 preſented by the preſenters, ſwoyne as is abovesaid, ſhalbe wrytten,  
 certified, ſet, and eſtreated, and the eſtreats thereof to be made, with  
 other the inhabitants of that parties, within the limits of the ſame  
 commission and diuision so to be gathered and leuied, in like maner  
 as it ought or ſhould haue ben, if the ſaid Commiſſioner had not ben in  
 the ſaid commission. And that all perſons of the eſtate of a Baron or  
 Barons, and euery eſtate aboue, ſhalbe charged with their free holde  
 and value as is abovesaid, by the Chauncellour or keeper of the great  
 ſeale, Treasurer of England, Lord preſident of the Quenes maiesties  
 priuie counſaile, and Lord priuie ſeale for the tyme being, or other  
 perſons by the Quenes Maiesties authoritie to be limited, and they  
 to be charged for the saide ſeueral paymtes of the sayd Subſe-  
 die, after the fourme of the ſaid graunt, according to the taration aforesaid,  
 and the ſummes byon them ſet, with the names of the Collectors ap-  
 pointed for the gathering and paying of the ſame to be eſtreated, de-  
 liuered and certified, at daies and places aboue ſpecified, by the Lord  
 Chauncellour or keeper of the great Seale, Treasurer, Lord preſident  
 of the counſaile, and Lord priuie ſeale for the tyme being, or ſuche  
 other perſons as ſhalbe limited by the Quenes maiestie. And after  
 the tares and asseſſes of the ſaid ſummes byd and by the ſaid asseſſing  
 and certificate as is aforesaid made, the saide commissioners, or as  
 many of them as ſhalbe therunto appointed by the Quenes maiesties  
 commission, ſhall with all ſpede and without delaye, by the wrytinge  
 eſtreated of the saide tare thereof, vnder the ſeales and ſignes manuell  
 of the ſaid commissioners, or as many of them as ſhalbe appoynted at  
 the leaſt to be made, ſhalbe deliuered vnto ſufficient and ſubſtanciall  
 inhabitants, Conſtables, ſubconſtables, Bayliſſes, and other of-  
 ficers, ioyntly of Hundredes, townes, pariſhes, and other places afores-  
 aid within their limits, or to other ſufficient perſons inhabitants  
 of the ſame onely, by the diſcretion of the ſaid commissioners, and as  
 the place and parties ſhal require, aswel the particuler names and ſur-  
 names, as the remembraunce of all ſummes of money, tared and ſet  
 of, and byon euery perſon, aswell man as woman, chargeable to this  
 act, houſholder, and al other inhabitants and dwellers within the  
 ſaid pariſhes, townes, and places contributozie to this act of Subſe-  
 die. By authoritie of which wryting or eſtreate ſo deliuered, the saide  
 officers and other perſons ſo named and deputed ſeuerally, ſhall haue  
 full power and auctozitie by vertue of this act, immediately after the  
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Delivery of the said writting or estreate, to demand, leuy, and gather of every person therein specified, the summe or summes in the same writting or estreat comprised. And for non payment therof to distraine the same person or persons so beyng bying by their goodes and cat-tels, and the distress so taken, to kepe by the space of .viij. daies, at the costes and charges of the owner therof. And yf the said owner do not pay such summe of money as shalbe taxed by this act, within the same .viij. daies, then the same distress to be appoynted by .iii. iii. or .ii. of the inhabitantes where such distress is taken, and also to be sold by the said Constable or other Collector for the payment of the saide money, and the ouerplus coming of the sale and keeping therof (yf any be) to be immediately restored to the owner of the same distress, which saide officers and other persons so deputed to aske, take, gather, and leuy the said summes, shall answere and be charged for the porcion onely to them assigned or limited to be gathered, leuied, and comprised in the said writting or estreate so to them (as is aforesaide) deliuered, to the vse of our soueraigne Lady the Quenes maiestie, and her heires and successours. And the saide summe in that writting or estreat comprised to pay unto the highe collectour or collectours of the place, for the collection of the same, in maner and fourme vnder written, therunto to be named and deputed, and the same inhabitantes and officers so gathering the same perticuler summes for their collection therof, shal retyrne for every .xx. s. so by them receiued and paide, two pence, and that to be allowed at the payment of their collection by them to be made to the highe collectour or collectours.

And further be it enacted by the saide authoritie, that the saide Commissioners, or the moze part of them, as shall take vpon them the execution & busines of the said commission, shall for eyther of the same paymentes of the said subside, name such sufficient and able persons which then shall haue and possede landes and other hereditamentes, in their owne right, of the yerely value of .xx. li. or goodes to the value of .CC. markes at the leaste. And the persons seuerally by the Discretions of the same commissioners, in shires, ridings, lathes, wapentakes, rapes, cities, townes corporate, and other whatsoeuer places, aswell within places priuiledged as without, not beyng forpyssed within this act, to be high collectours, and haue the collection and receipt of the said summes set, and leuiable within the precinct, limit, and boundes where they shalbe so limited, to gather & receiue, to euery of the which collectours so seuerally named, the said commissioners, or two of them at least, shal with al speede, and without delay, after the said whol summe of the said subside, be set by all the limits of the same their commission or in such limits as the high collectours shalbe so seuerally assigned, shall vnder their scales and signes manuell, deliuer one estreat indented in parchment

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parchment, to every of the said high collectours, comprising in it the names of al such persons as were assigned to leuy the saide particuler summes, and the summes of every hundred, to a pentake, to one, or other place aforesaid, w<sup>th</sup> the names & surnames of þ persons so chargeable, according to þ estreat so first therof made as is aforesaid, & deliuered, & the collector so to be assigned, shal be charged to answer þ hole summe cōpyied in þ said estreat limited to his collectiō as is aforesaid.

Þrovided also, as he it enacted by thauuthoritie aforesaide, that the said cōmissioners hauing auctoritie by this act to name & nominate the said high collectors of the said subtedy, shal immediately by þ nomination & election, take by auctoritie of this present parliament, sufficient recognisaunces or obligations, without anye fee or rewarde to be payd therfore of every person so by thē to be named to be high collector, to be bounden to the Quenes maiestie in the double summe of the summe of his collection, and to be endorled and made vpon such condition, þ is to say, for the collection of the saide first paymente of the said subtedy, that if the said collector, his heires or executours do truly content & pay to the vse of the Quenes maiestie, her heires or executours, in the receipt of the sayd Exchequer, before þ sayd. xxiii. day of June next comming, so much of the said summe of money allotted & appointed to his collection, as he shal collecte and gather, and content and pay the residue of his collection and charge, within one moneth next after suche time as he hath gathered and collected the same residue: that then the sayde recognisaunce or obligation to be hoide, or els to stand in full strength and vertue. And for the collectiō of the second payement of the sayd subtedy, vpon condition, that yf the sayd collector, his heires or executours, do truly content and pay to the vse of the Quenes maiestie, her heires or executours, in her receipt of the cheker, before the first day of March, which shal be in the yere of our Lord God. M. D. lix. so much of the said summe of money allotted and appointed to his collection, as he shal collecte and gather and content and pay the residue of his collection and charge, within one moneth next after such time as he hath gathered and collected the same residue: that then the sayd recognisance or obligation to be hoide, or els to stand in full strength and vertue, which saide seuerall recognisaunces or obligations so taken, the said commissioners shal seuerally certifie and deliuer into the Quenes maiesties Exchequer, with the seuerall certificates of the said tarations & rates of the paymentes of the said subtedy, at & by the time to them prescribed and appointed by this act for the certificat of the saide seuerall tarations of the said subtedy, vpon paine of forfaiture of. x. li. to þ Quenes maiestie for every recognisance or obligation not certified. And that everye suche collector so elected, named, and chosen, vppon requeste to him



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him made, shall knowledg and make the sayde recognisaunce of obligation, upon like paine and forfeiture of .x. li. to the Queenes maiestie for the refusal therof, and every collectour so deputed, hauinge the said estreat in parchment, as is aforesaid, shall haue auctoritie by this act, to appointe dayes and places within the circuite of his collection for the payment of the said Subsidy to him to be made, and thereof to geue warning by proclamation or otherwise, to al the Constables or other persons or inhabitauntes, hauing the charge of the perticuler collection, within the hundredes, parishes, townes, or other places by him or the limited, to make payment for their sayde perticuler collectiō of every summe, as to the shall apperteyne. And if at the said day & place so limited & prefixed by the sayd collectour, the sayd constable, officers, or other persons or inhabitauntes as is aforesayde, for the sayd perticuler collection assigned and appointed within such hundred, citie, town, or other place do not pay vnto the said collectours, the summe within their seuerall hundredes, townes, parishes and other places, due and comprised in the said estreat thereof to the deliuered by the said commissioners, or some of theym as is aforesaid, or so much thereof as they haue by any meane receiued .ii. d. of every pound for the saide perticuler collection as is aforesayde, alwayes to be thereof allowed, excepted & abated: That the it shalbe lawfull to the sayde high collectours and every of them, and to the assignes, to distraine every of the sayde constables, officers and other inhabitauntes, for their said seuerall and perticuler collection of the saide summes comprised in the saide estreat and buying thereof, to them and euery of theym, as is befoze expessed, deliuered, or for as much of the same summe as so then shall happen to be gathered, and leuyed, and behinde and vnpayde by the goodes and cattelles of euery of them so being behind. And the distresse so taken, to be kepte, appraised, and solde as is aforesaide, and thereof to take and leuye the summes so then being behind and vnpayde. And the ouerplus coming of the sale of the sayd distresse (if any be) to be restored and deliuered vnto the owner, in fourme aboue remembred.

Provyded alwayes, that no person inhabiting in anye Citie, Borough or Towne corporate, shalbe compelled to be an Assessor or collectour, of, or for any part of the sayde Subsidy, in anye place or places out of the sayde Citie, Borough, or towne corporate, where he dwelleth.

And it is also by the sayde auctoritie enacted, that if anye inhabitant or officer, or whatsoeuer person or persons, charged to and for the collection or receipt of any part or portion of the saide subsidy, by any manner of meanes, according to this act, or any person or persons for the selues, or as heper, gardian, Deputie, factor or attornei, of, or for

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for any other person or persons, if any goodes and cattels of þe honer  
therof at the tyme of the sayd asselling to be made, bringe out of this  
realme, or in any other parties not knowen, or of and for the goodes  
and Cattels, of any other person or persons, of anye corporation, fra-  
ternitie, mistery, or other whatsoeuer cominaltie, being incorporate  
or not incorporate, & all persons hauing in their rule, gouernance,  
and custody, any goodes, or Cattels, at the time of the saide asselling,  
or any of the, to be made, or which for anye cause, for and by collecti-  
on, or for him selfe, or for any other, or by reason that he hath the rule  
gouernance, or custody of anye goodes or Cattelles, of anye other  
person or persons, corporation, cominaltie, fraternitie, guild, or mi-  
stery, or any such other lyke, or as factoz, deputie, or atturney, of or for  
any person, shalbe taxed, rated, valued and set to any summe or summes,  
by reason of this acte, and after the taration or assellinge vpon anye  
such person or persons as shalbe charged with the receipt of the same  
happen to die, or depart from the place where he was so taxed and set  
or his goodes or cattels be so eloynd, or in such priuie & couerte ma-  
ner kepte, as the saide person or persons, charged with the same, by  
estreates, or other writings, from the said Commissioners, or as ma-  
ny of them as shalbe therunto appointed by the said Commission, as  
is aforesaid, can ne may leuie the same summe or summes comprised  
within the same estreates, by distresse, within the limittes of their  
collection as is aforesaid, or can not sell such distresse or distresses, as  
be taken for any of the said paymentes, befoze the time limited to the  
high Collectour for his payment to be made in the Queenes Maie-  
ties receipt, then vpon relation thereof with due examination by the  
oth or examination of such person or persons, as shalbe charged with  
and for the receipt and Collection of the same, befoze the saide Com-  
missioners, or as many of them as by the sayde Commission shalbe  
thereunto appointed, where suche person or persons, or other as is  
aforesaid, their goodes and Cattelles, were set and taxed, and vpon  
plaine certificate therof made in the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer  
by the same Commissioners, aswell of the dwellinge place, names  
and summes of the sayde personnes, of whom the saide summes can-  
not be leuied and had as is aforesaid, then aswell the constables and  
other inhabitantes appointed for þe said perticuler collection, against  
the high collectors, as the high collector vpon his accompt and othe  
in the said Exchequer to be discharged thereof, and proces to be made  
for the Quenes Maiestie, out of the said Exchequer, by the discretion  
of the Barons of the said Exchequer, against such person, his heires  
or executors, so being behind with his payment. And ouer þe same  
commissioners, to whom any such declaration of the premises shalbe  
made in soyme aforesaid, fro time to time shall haue full power & auc-  
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title to direct their precept or preceptes vnto the sayd person or persons charged with any sum, of, for, or vpon anye suche person or persons, or other as is aforesaid, or to any Sheriffe, Steward, Bailiffe, or other whatsoeuer officer, minister, person or persons of such place or places where any such person or persons, so owing suche summe or summes shall haue landes and tenementes, or other hereditamentes, or real possessions, goodes & cattels, wherby any such person or persons so indetted, his heires, executors or assignes, or other hauinge the custody, gouernaunce, or disposition of any goodes, cattels, landes, or tenementes, or other hereditamentes, which ought or may by this act lawfully be distreined, or taken for the same, hath and shall haue goodes, cattels, landes, tenementes, or other possessions, wherof such summe or summes, which by any such person or persons, may or ought to be leuyed, be it within the limittes of suche Commission, where such persn or persons was and were taxed, or without, in any place within this Realme of England, Wales, or other the Queenes Maiesties dominions, marches or territories, by which precept aswell such person or persons as shall be charged to leuy such money, as the officers of the place or places, where such distresse may be taken, shall haue full power and auctoritie, to distreine euery such person indetted, charged and chargeable by this act, or his executors or administrators, of his goods and cattels, his gardians, factors, deputies, lessees, sermons and assignes, & all other persons by whose handes or out of whose landes, any such person should haue rent, fee, annuities, or other profite, or which at the time of the sayde assessinges, shall haue goodes or cattels, or any other thing moueable of anye suche person or persons being indetted, or owing suche summe, and the distresse so taken, caused to be kept, appraised, and solde in like manner and forme as is aforesaid, for the distresse to be taken vpon such persons, to be taxed to the said Subsidy, and being sufficient to distreine within the limittes of the Collectours, inhabitauntes, or other officers, charged with or for the same summes, so vpon them to be taxed. And if anye suche distresse for none payment, happen to be taken out of the limit of the saide persons, charged and assigned to leuy the same, the persons so charged for the leuy of any such summe by distresse, shall perceauie & take of the same distresse, for the labour of euery person, going for the execution thereof, for euery myle that any such person so laboureth for y same, two pence. And euery sermo, tennant, gardian, factor, or other whatsoeuer person, being distrained or otherwyle charged for paymente of anye suche Summe or Summes, or anye other Summe, by reasonne of this Acte, shall be of suche Summe or Summes, of him or theym soo leuyed, and taken, discharged and acquitted at his nexte daye of payment of the same



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same, or at the delivery of such goodes and cattelles; as he that is so distrained, had in his custody and gournaince, against him or them that shalbe so taxed and let; any graunt or writing obligatorie, or other whatsoever matter to the contrary, made heretofore, notwithstanding. And if anye suche person that should be so distrained, haue no landes or tenementes sufficient, wherby he or his tenants, and fermours may be distrayned, or hath elopned, aliened, or hyd his goodes and cattelles, wherby he should or might be distrayned; in such maner, that such goodes and cattelles shall not be knownen or found, so that the summe, or, by him to be payde in the said fourme, shal, ne can be conveniently leuyed. The upon relation thereof to the Commissioners, or to as many of them as by the saide Commission shalbe therunto appointed, where such person or persons was taxed and let, by the othes of him or the that shalbe charged with the leuye and payment of that summe or summes, the same Commissioners shal make a precept in such maner as is aforesayd, for to attach; take and arrest the body of such person or persons that ought to paye the sayd summes, and by this act shalbe charged with, and for the sayde summe & summes, and them so taken, safely to kepe in prison within the Cite or other place, where anye suche person or persons shalbe taken and attached, there to remaine without baile or mainprise, until he hath payde the same summe or summes, that such person for him selfe or for any other, by this act shalbe chargeable or ought to be charged withal. And also for the fees of every such arrest, to him or them that shall execute suche precept. *xx. pence.* And that everye officer unto whom such precept shalbe directed, do his true diligence and execute the same upon everye person so being indebted, bypon payne to forfeite to the Quenes Maiestie for every defaulte in that behalfe. *xx. Willinges.* And that no keeper of anye Gaole, from his Gaole suffer any such person to go at large, by letting to bayle, or otherwise to depart out of his prison, befoze he haue paid his sayd debte, and the sayd twenty pence for the sayd arrest, bypon paine to forfeite to the Quenes Maiestie for the sayd Willinges. And the same Gaoler to paye unto the Quenes Maiestie the double value, as well of the rate which the said person so imprisoned was taxed at, as of the sayde twenty pence for the fees, and like proces and remedy in lyke fourme shalbe granted by the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as by the sayde Commission shalbe thereunto appointed, at lyke information of everye personne or personnes being charged with anye summe of money, for anye other personne or personnes, by reason of the sayde subbedye, and not therof payde, but wilfulye witholden; ne the same leuyable within the limittes where suche personnes were thereunto taxed. And yf the summe or summes beinge behynde

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by payde, by anye person or personnes, as is aforesayde, be letted  
and gathered by force of the sayd process to be made by the sayd com-  
missioners, or if in defaulte, or for lache of payment thereof, the per-  
son or persons so owing the sayd summe or summes of money, by pro-  
cess of the same Commissioners, to be made as is aforesayde, be com-  
mitted to prison in fourtie about sayd, that then the sayde commis-  
sioners which shall award such process, shall make certificate thereof  
in the said Eschequer, of that shall be done in the premises, in the terme  
next following, after such summe or summes of money, so being be-  
hynde shall be letted and gathered, or such person or persons for none  
payment of the same committed to prison. And if it happen anye of  
the sayde Collectours to be assigned, or anye Mayors, Sherifes,  
Steward, Constable, the hedborough, householders, Bayliffe, or anye  
other officer, or minister, or other whatsoeuer person or persons, to  
disobey the sayd Commissioners, or any of them, in the reasonable  
request to them made by the sayd Commissioners, for execution of  
the sayde Commission, or if any of the officers or other persons, do  
refuse that to them shall appertayne and belonge to do, by reason of  
any precept to him or them to be directed, or anye reasonable com-  
mandement, instance, or request, touchinge the premises, or other  
defaulte in anye appearaunce or collection to make, or if anye per-  
son bringe suspecte, do not to be indifferentely taxed as is aforesayde,  
doe refuse to be examined accordyng to the tenoure of this acte, be-  
fore the sayde Commissioners, or as manye of them as shall be there-  
unto assigned, as is aforesayde, or will not appeare before the same  
Commissioners, upon warning to him made, or els make resistance  
or excoors, upon any distresse upon him to be taken, for anye parcell  
of the sayde double dy, or commit any misbehauoure in anye maner  
of wolle, contrary to this acte, or commit any wilful omission, or other  
whatsoeuer wilfull, not doing or misdoing, contrary to the tenour  
of this acte or graunt, the same Commissioners, and euerye num-  
ber of them above remembred, or two of them at the least, upon pro-  
bably knowledge of any such misdemeanoors, had by information or  
examination, shall and may set upon euery such offendour for euerye  
such offence, in name of a fyne, by the same offendour to be forsaite  
for the shillings or vnder, by the discretion of the same Commis-  
sioners. And further the same Commissioners, and euerye number of  
them, or two of the at the least, shall haue aucthoritie by this presente  
acte, to punishe euery such offendour, by imprisonment, there to re-  
maine, and to be deliuered by their discretion, as shall seme to them  
conuenient, the sayde fynes if anye lache be, to be certified by the  
sayd Commissioners that so assessed the same, into the Duches Ma-  
iesties sayd Exchequer, there to be leuyed and payde by the Collec-  
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towns of that parties for the said Subsidie, returned into the said Exchequer to be therewith charged with the payment of the said Subsidie in such manner as the said fines had bene let and taxed upon the said offenders for the said Subsidie.

It is also enacted by the said authority of this Parliament, that every of the said high collectours, which shall accompt for any parte of the said Subsidie in the said Exchequer, upon their true-  
shall all said accomptes to be yielded, shall be allowed of every of the said paymentes of the said Subsidie, for every pounce limited to his collection, toherof any such collectour shall be charged and yeild accompt, expences, as parcell of their charge, that is to say, of every pounce therof for such person as then hath had the particular collection in the townes and other places as in aforesaid, specified in his collection, two pence, and other two pence of every pounce therof, every of the said chief collectours, or their accomptants, to receive to their owne use for their labour and charge, in and about the premises, and two pence of every pounce residue to be delivered, allowed, and payde by the said collectours to hering therof allowed to such of the commissioners as shall take upon them the business and labour, for, and about the premises (that is to say) every collectour to paye that commissioner or commissioners, which had the ording of the writings, of, and for the said Subsidie where the said collectour or collectours had their collection, for expences of the said Commissioners, to taking upon them the said business, and labour of their clerks, writing the said preceptes and estrates for the said collections, the same laste two pence of every pounce to be delidded amongst the said Commissioners, having regard to their labour and business taken by them or their said clerks, in, and about the premises, for the which parte to the said Commissioners attayning, the said Commissioners, viz. iiii. or as many of them as shall be therunto appointed by the Duches Warshies, commission and every of them jointly and severally for his and their said part, may have his remedie against the said Collectour or Collectours, which therof bene, and might have bene allowed, by action of debte, in which the defendants shall not wage his lawe, neyther protection neyther insinuation, or other eschuge shall be allowed. And that no person nowe being of the number of the companye of this present Parliament, nor any commissioner, shall be named or assigned to be any collectour, or subcollectour, or presentour of the said Subsidie, or of any part therof, nor no commissioners shall be compelled to make any presentment or certificate, other then in the Duches Warshies said Exchequer, of, for, or concerning the said Subsidie, or any parte therof. And likewise that none other person that shall be named or assigned to be commissioners in any place, to and for the execution of



this act of Subsidie, be or shalbe assigned, or named head collectors of any of the paymentes of the said Subsidie, neyther of any parte therof. And that every such person or persons which shalbe named and appointed as is aforesaid, to be head collectors, in and for the fyrr payment of this Subsidie, shal not be compelled to be collector for the second payment of the sayd Subsidie, or for any part therof. And the said collectors which shalbe assigned for the collection of the said Subsidie, or for any parte therof, and every of them, be and shalbe acquitted and discharged of all maner fees, rewardes, and of every other charges in the Quenes Maiesties Exchequer, or els wheres, of them or any of them, by reason of that collection, payment, or accomptes, of any thing concerning the same to be asked. And that if any person receive and take any fees, rewardes, or pleasures of any such accomptaine: That then he shal forfeite to the Quenes Maiestie, for every penny, or value of penny so taken, .v.s. and suffer imprisonment at the Quenes Maiesties pleasure. And after the taxing and assessing of the sayde Subsidies, as is aforesaid, had or made, and the said estates therof in parchment vnto the collectors in maner and forme before rehearsed, delivered, the said commissioners which shal take vpon them the execution of this acte, with in the limites of their commission, by their agreementes, shal haue meeting together, at which meeting every of the said Commissioners which they shal haue taken vpon them the execution of any parte of the said commission, shal by him selfe, or by his sufficient deputie, truly certifie and bring forth vnto the said Commissioners named in the said commission, the certificate and presentment made before him, and such other Commissioners as were limited with him in one limite, so that the same certificate may be accompted and calle with the other certificates of the other limites within the same commission, and then the said Commissioners and every number of them, vnto two at the least, as is aforesaid, if any be in life, or they executors or administrators of their goodes, if they then be dead, shal signify and severally as they were divided within their limites, vnder their seales by their discretion, make one or severall writings indented, containing in it aswell the names of the said collectors by the commissioners, for such collection and accompt in the receipt, and payment in the said receipt, deputed and assigned as the grosse and severall summes writen vnto every such collector, to receive the said Subsidie. And also all fines, amerciaments, and other forfeitures, yf any such by reason of this acte, happen to be within the precinct and limite of their commission, to be certified into the Quenes Maiesties said Exchequer by the said commissioners, in which writing, or writings indented so to be certified, shalbe plainly declared and expelld, the whole and entire summe

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and assigned to the collection of the said summes. So that none of the said Collectours so certified in the said Exchequer, shalbe compelled there to accompt or to be charged, but onely to and for the summe limited to his collection, and not to, or for any summe limited to the collection of his felowe, but that euery of them shalbe seuerally charged for their parte, limited to their collection. And yf the sayde Commissioners ioyned in one commission amongst them selues, in that matter cannot agree, or yf any of them be not ready, or refuse to make certificate with other of the same Commissioners, that then the same Commissioners may make seuerall indentures in fourme aforesaide, of their seuerall limittes or seperations of Collectours, within the limittes of their Commission, vpon and in the hundredes, wardes, wapentakes, Lathes, Wapres, or suche other like diuisions, within the sayde seuerall limittes of their Commission, as the places there shal require to be scuered and deuided, and as to the same Commissioners shal seeme good to make diuisions of their limittes or collections, for the seuerall charges of the same Collectours. So that alway one Collectour shalbe charged and accompt for his parte to him to be limited onely by him selfe, and not for any summe limited to the parte of any of his felowes, and the charges of euery of the Collectours, to be set and certified seuerally vpon them, and euery suche Collectour vpon his accompt and payement of the summe of money, limited within his collection, to be seuerally by him selfe, acquitted and discharged in the said Exchequer, without paying any maner fees or rewardes to any person or persons for the same, vpon the payne and penaltie last abouesaide, and not to be charged for any porcion of any other Collectoure. And yf any Commissioner after he hath taken certificate of them, that, as is aforesaid, shal befoze any such Commissioner be examined, and the summes rated and set, and the booke and writings thereof beyng in his handes, or yf any Collectour or other person charged with any receipt of any parte of the said Subsidie, or any other person, taxed or otherwise by this acte charged with, and for any parcell of the sayde Subsidie, or with any other summes, or fyne, amerciamento, penaltie, or other forfeiture, happen to dye befoze the Commissioner, Collectoure, or other whatsoeuer person or persons, haue executed, accomplished, satisfied, or sufficiently discharged, that which to euery such person shal appertayne or belong to do according to this acte, then the executors and heires of euery such person, and al other leased of any lands or tenementes, that any suche person beyng charged by this acte, and disceasing befoze he be discharged thereof, or any other to his ble onely hadde of estate of enheritaunce, at the time that any suche person was named Commissioner, Collectour, or otherwise charged with and for any

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manner of thing to be done, satisfied or paide by reason of this act, and  
 al those that haue in their possessions or handes, any goodes or cat-  
 tels, leasses or other thinges that were to any such person or persons,  
 at the time of his deathe, or any landes or tenementes, that were the  
 same persons at the time he was as is aforesaide, charged by this act  
 shalbe by the same compelled and charged to do and accomplish to do  
 in euery case as the same person so beyng charged, should haue don &  
 might haue compelled to do, if he had bene in plaine life, after suche  
 rate of the lands and goods of the said commissioner or collectour as  
 the partie shall haue in his hande, and yf the saide Commissioners for  
 causes reasonable the mouing, shall thinke it not conuenient to ioyne  
 in one certificat, as is beforesaid, then the said person or persons that  
 shal fyrt ioyne together, or he that shal fyrt certifie the said writing,  
 endented as is aforesaide, shal certifie all the names of the Commis-  
 sioners of that commission, whereupon suche writings shalbe there  
 then to be certified, with diuisions of the Hundzedes, wapentakes,  
 wardes, tythinges, or other places, to and amonge suche commis-  
 sioners of the same commission, with the names of the same Commis-  
 sioners, where suche seperation and deuision shalbe, with the grosse  
 summes of money, aswell of and for the saide Subsidie, taxed or let,  
 of, or within the said hundzedes, wardes, wapentakes, or other places  
 to him or them deuided or assigned, that shall so certifie the saide fyrt  
 writing, as of fines, amerciamentes, penalties, or other forfeitures, if  
 any happen to be within the same limittes, whereof the same wi-  
 tinges shalbe certified, and after such writing endented, whiche as  
 is aforesaide, shalbe certified, and not conteyne in it the whole and  
 full summes, let and taxed within the limittes of the same Commis-  
 sion, the other Commissioners of the same, befoze the day of payment  
 of the saide Subsidie, shall certifie into the saide Erchequer, by their  
 writing or writings, endented to be made as is aforesaide the grosse  
 and seuerall summes, let and taxed within the places to them limit-  
 ted for the saide Subsidie, and other synes, amerciamentes, penal-  
 ties and forfeitures, with the names of the hundzedes, wardes, wa-  
 pentakes, and other places to them assigned, or els by their said wi-  
 tinges endented, to certifie at the saide place, befoze the sayde daye  
 of payment, suche reasonable causes for their excuses, why they maye  
 not make such certificate, of and for the saide Subsidie, synes, amer-  
 ciamentes, and other forfeitures, growing or sette by reason of the  
 causes of their lettes, or of their none certifying, as is abouesaide,  
 or els in default thereof, proces to be made out of the Quenes Ma-  
 iesties saide Erchequer, against the saide Commissioners, and euery  
 of them, not making certificate as is aforesaide, by the discretion of  
 the Treasurer or Barons of the saide Erchequer.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctoritie  
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Asforesayd, that the inhabitantes of the parische of Sainte Martine, called Stampford Baron, in the Suburbes of the Bozoughe and Towne of Stampford, in the South part of the water, there called Welland, which hereafter shalbe contributory to the paiement of this present Subsidy, graunted to the Quenes Maiestie, her heires and successours, shalbe assessed, rated, and taxed for this time, by suche commissioners, which shalbe appointed for the taxing, rating, and selling of suche Subsidy, or tax within the countie of Lincolne, and shalbe for this time contributory, and pay the sayde Subsidy to the Collectour or Collectours, which shalbe assigned and appointed for the leuying and gathering of the same, with the Aldermen and Burgeses of the said Bozough and Towne of Stampford,

Provided alwayes and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid that all and every person and persons, havinge Manours, Landes, Tenementes, and other Hereditamentes, chargeable to the paiement of the Subsidy, graunted to the Quenes Maiestie by this acte, and also havinge spirituall possessions, chargeable to her sayde Maiestie by the graunt made by the Clergie of this Realme, in their conuocation. And ouer this havinge substance in goodes and cattels chargeable by this said acte, that then if any of the said person or persons be hereafter charged, assessed & taxed for the sayde Manours, Landes and tenementes and spirituall possessions, and also assessed, charged and taxed, for his or their goodes and cattells, that then he or they shalbe onely charged by vertue of this acte, for his and theyr sayde Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Hereditamentes and spirituall possessions, or onely for his sayd goodes and cattells, the best thereof to be taken for the quenes maiestie, and not to be charged for both, or double charged for any of them, any thing in this act contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes that this graunt of Subsidy, nor any thing therein conteyned, in any wise, extend to charge the inhabitantes, or dwellers in Irelande, Jernesey and Garnesey, or any of them, of or concerning any maners, lands, tenements, or other possessions, goodes, cattells, or other moueable substance which the said inhabitantes or dwellers, or any other to their vse haue within Ireland, Jernesey & Garnesey, or in any of the, or of, for, or concerning any fees or wages which any of the said inhabitantes or dwellers haue of the quenes maiestie for their attendaunce and doing seruice to our Soueraigne Lady, in Ireland, Jernesey and Garnesey, or in any of the, any thing in this present act, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided also, that this present acte of Subsidy, nor any thing therein contained, extend to any of the englishe inhabitantes or residents in any of the counties of Northumberland, Cūberlād, Westmerland, the town of Barwick, & town of newcastle byō Time & the Bishoppes

Bishopricke of Durham, nor to anye of them, of, for, or concerninge any Mannors, Landes, Tenementes, or other possessions, goodes, cattels, or other mouable substance, which the same inhabitants or dwellers, or any other to their vse, haue within the sayde counties of Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmerland, or the towne of Barwicke, the Towne of Newcastle vpon Tyne, or the Bishopricke of Durham, or any of them, or of, for, or concerninge any fees or wages which any of the sayd inhabitantes or dwellers haue of the Quenes Maiestie, for their attendance and doing seruice to the quenes Maiestie, for or within the sayd counties of Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmerland, the Towne of Barwicke, the Towne of Newcastle vpon Tyne, and the Bishopricke of Durham, or anye of them, to or for the said taring, leuying, gathering or payment, but that the Englishe inhabitantes, and resiantes, and euery of them, of the saide Counties, Bishopricke and Townes, and euerye of them, shall be of and from the sayde Subsidye, and euery percell therof, and for their Mannors, Landes, Tenementes, fees, wages, goodes, and cattels, lying and being in the sayde counties, Townes, and Bishopricke, or anye of them, vtterly acquitted and discharged, any thing in this present act before rehearsed to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also that all letters patentes, graunted by the quenes Maiestie, or any of her most noble Progenitours, to anye cities, Boroughes, or townes within this Realme, of anye maner of liberties, priuiledges, or exemption, from the burden and charge of anye such grauntes of Subsidies, whiche be at this present time in force and haileable, shall remaine good and effectuell to the sayde cities, Boroughes, and Townes hereafter, according to the purportes thereof, though the inhabitants of the same, shall vpon the greates and waightye consideration of the graunte abouelaide, be for this graunt charged and contributory, in like maner, forme, and sorte as other cities, Boroughes, and townes, which be not in anye wise priuiledged, be from such graunt of Subsidye excepted.

Provided also, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that no Orphant or Infant, within the age of one and twenty yere, borne within any of the Quenes Maiesties dominions, shall be charged to any payment of this Subsidye, for his or her goodes and cattelles, to him or her leste or bequeathed, any thing in this act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also that this Acte, nor anye thinge therein conteyned, shall extende to the goodes or Landes of anye Colledge, Hall or Scholl within the vniuersities of Orenforde and Cambridge or any of them, or to the goodes or landes of the Colledge of Winton founden by Bishoppe Wicheham, or to the goodes or landes of the Colledge

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contrayned, shall extende to the goodes or landes of anye Colledge, Hall or Scholl, within the vniuersities of Oxenford and Cambridge, or any of them, or to the goodes or landes of the Colledge of Wynton founded by Bishopppe Wyckham, or to the goodes or landes of the colledge of Eton next Wyndesour, or to the goodes or landes of anye common free gramer scole within the realme of England or Wales, or to the goodes of any Reader, Scholemaster, or scoller, or any graduate within the sayde vniuersities and colledges, or anye of them, there remaining for study, without fraude or couin, or to the goodes and landes of anye Hospitall, Mesonerie, or spittle house, prepared and bled for the sustentation and reliefe of poore people, anye thinge in this act contrayned to the contrary in any wise notwithstandinge.

Whowded also, and be it enacted, that soasmuch as diuers and sundry the Quenes Maiesties tenants, and other inhabitants and dwellers within the countie of Denbroke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Glamorgan, Brecknock, Radnour, Montgomery, Denbigh, Flint, Merioneth, Anglesey, Carnarvon, and of the countie Palentine of Chester, be at this present time charged and chargeable with the seuerall paymentes of diuers greate summes of money, by the name of Wyse, due to her Maiestie, accordinge to the seuerall customes of the sayd countie.

Be it therefore ordeyned and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that this act of Subsidy, or any thing therein contained, shall not extende to charge any of the Quenes tenants, and other inhabitants and dwellers within any of the sayd countie of Denbroke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Glamorgan, Brecknock, Radnour, Montgomery, Denbigh, Flint, Merioneth, Anglesey, Carnarvon, and the countie Palentine of Chester, beyng charged or chargeable with the sayde Wyse, for, or in anye of the paymentes of the sayde Subsidy graunted to the Quenes Maiestie by this acte, untill the sayde seuerall dayes and times for the payment of the sayde Wyse be expyred, and untill the dayes and times of the seuerall Subsidyes lately graunted to our late soueraigne Lord and soueraigne Lady, King Philip, and Quene Mary, be also past and expyred, and that then the first payment of the sayde Subsidye graunted by this present acte, shall be made at the receipte of the Quenes Exchequer, before the first day of March next folowing after the laste dayes of the last payment to be had or appointed of the sayde Wyse, and of the payment of the sayd former Subsidyes. And the second payment of this Subsidy to be made by, or before the first day of March next after the said first payment of the said Subsidye,

furthermoze, be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that the tenants and dwellers of euerye of the sayde countie in this prouiso remembred, shall seuerally before the feast of Penthecost nexte ensuing,



enfranchising, and into the said county of Essex, under the seals of two justices of peace of every of the said counties, whereof one to be of the Quorum, when and what day the last payment of the said several rates now due in any of the said counties, shall end and expire.

Provided also, that the said grant of Subsidie, or any other thing therein contained, do not in any wise extend to be prejudicial of hurtful to inhabitants or residents at this present time, within the four portes corporate, or to any of their members incorporated or united to the same four portes, or to any of the same four portes, or for any parts or parcel of the said summes granted in this presentment, of the said inhabitants now residents, or any of them, to be taxed, set, asked, leaved or payed. But the said inhabitants and residents in the said four portes, and their members, be and shalbe of, and from the said grant and payment of the said Subsidie, during their residence there, and no longer, clearely acquitted and discharged. Any matter, or whatsoever thing in this presentment had or made to the contrary notwithstanding.

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